

Leading God's Flock God's Way
1 Peter 5:1-4

A. THE INTRODUCTION TO 1 PETER (1:1)

4. The *theme* of this Letter centers around _____ for Christ as it relates to...
- a. _____. (1:1–12)
 - b. _____. (1:13–2:10)
 - c. _____. (2:11–3:22)
 - d. _____. (4:1–5:7)
 - e. _____. (5:8–14)
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I. Readiness in Mind (1 Peter 4:1-6)

II. Readiness in Ministry (1 Peter 4:7-11)

III. Readiness in Suffering (1 Peter 4:12-19)

A. Suffering Expected — Not Surprising (1 Peter 4:12)

B. Suffering Shared — With Christ (1 Peter 4:13-14)

C. Suffering Distinguished — For Righteousness (1 Peter 4:15-16)

1. Peter draws a sharp moral boundary: not all suffering _____ Christ.
2. Peter moves from _____ sins to _____ sins — exposing false claims of persecution.
3. Peter forces _____ - _____ — not self-justification.
4. Peter redirects suffering from _____ to _____ — when it is for Christ.
5. Peter defines the _____ of glory — God is glorified in the very suffering itself.

D. Suffering Evaluated — By God's Judgment (1 Peter 4:17-18)

1. God _____ His people before He judges the world.
2. If _____ is serious for believers, _____ of the gospel carries far greater consequence.
3. Salvation is secured by grace, but experienced through _____ perseverance.
4. Present trials refine the righteous; they foreshadow _____ for the ungodly.

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E. Suffering Entrusted — To a Faithful Creator (1 Peter 4:19)

1. Suffering calls for decisive _____ in a faithful Creator.
2. Trust expresses itself in continued _____.
3. Confidence rests in God's unchanging _____.

IV. Readiness in Leadership (1 Peter 5:1-4)

A. Shepherding Encouraged — By Apostolic Witness (1 Peter 5:1)

1. Peter makes a pastoral _____ to local elders.
2. Peter identifies himself as a fellow _____.
3. Peter grounds his authority in _____ Christ's sufferings.
4. Peter directs our attention to future _____.

B. Shepherding Defined — By God's Pattern (1 Peter 5:2-3)

1. Shepherding means caring for God's _____ God's _____.
2. Shepherds _____ the flock God placed _____ them.
3. Shepherding must never be driven by _____.
4. God _____ people to leaders; leaders do not _____ people.
5. Christlike leadership persuades through _____ rather than _____.

C. Shepherding Rewarded — By Christ's Return (1 Peter 5:4)

1. Christ has supreme _____ over all under-shepherds.
2. Christ Himself _____ those who shepherd His flock faithfully.

* How Does This Apply To You?

UNSAVED - readiness in leadership... (5:1-4)

1. Spiritual _____ begins with spiritual _____.
2. Jesus is the Shepherd who _____ His life _____ the sheep.
3. The first step toward _____ is _____ in Christ.

SAVED - readiness in suffering... (5:1-4)

1. Spiritual _____ begins with spiritual _____.
2. Spiritual leadership flows from _____ for Christ and His people.
3. Spiritual leadership looks forward to Christ's _____.

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