

LIVING UNDER THE CHIEF SHEPHERD

1 Peter 5:1-11



THE HEART OF GODLY LEADERSHIP

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

1 PETER 5:1-3



THE HEART OF GODLY LEADERSHIP

And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will
receive the unfading crown of glory.

1 PETER 5:4

ARE WE LEADING WILLING OR GRUDGINGLY?

ARE WE SERVING FOR WHAT WE CAN GET OR FOR WHAT WE CAN GIVE?

ARE WE DOMINEERING OR ARE WE SETTING AN EXAMPLE?

THE POWER OF GENUINE HUMILITY

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

1 PETER 5:5

HUMILITY ISN'T JUST AN ATTITUDE WE ADOPT; IT'S SOMETHING WE ACTIVELY PUT ON, LIKE A SERVANT PUTTING ON AN APRON TO SERVE.

WHEN WE WALK IN PRIDE, WE'RE NOT JUST MISSING OUT ON GOD'S BLESSING. WE'RE ACTUALLY POSITIONING OURSELVES AS GOD'S ENEMIES.

THE POWER OF GENUINE HUMILITY

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of
God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

1 PETER 5:6

THE SAME HAND THAT DELIVERED ISRAEL FROM EGYPT, THE SAME HAND THAT
PARTED THE RED SEA, THAT'S THE HAND YOU'RE HUMBLING YOURSELF UNDER.

THE POWER OF GENUINE HUMILITY

casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

1 PETER 5:7



HE IS PERSONALLY, ACTIVELY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT CONCERNS YOU.
YOUR ANXIETIES MATTER TO HIM BECAUSE YOU MATTER TO HIM.

STANDING FIRM IN SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 PETER 5:8

THE DEVIL IS ACTIVELY BUILDING A CASE AGAINST YOU.

STANDING FIRM IN SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Resist him, firm in your faith,

1 PETER 5:9

**WE'RE CALLED TO STAND FIRM IN FAITH WHILE THE
ENEMY TRIES TO DESTROY EVERYTHING AROUND US.**

STANDING FIRM IN SPIRITUAL BATTLE

knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

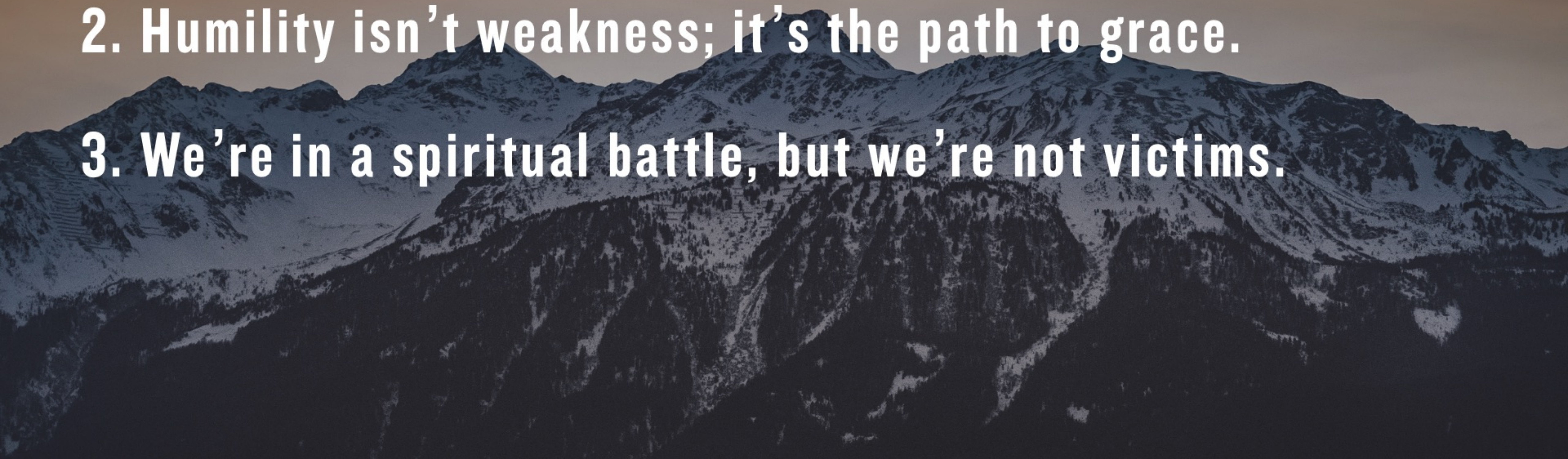
1 PETER 5:9-10

RESTORE - KATARTIZO - TO MEND WHAT'S BROKEN
CONFIRM - STERIZO - TO MAKE STEADFAST
STRENGTHEN - STHENOO - TO MAKE STRONG
ESTABLISH - THEMELIOO - TO LAY A FOUNDATION

1. If you're in a position of leadership, lead like a shepherd, not like a CEO.

2. Humility isn't weakness; it's the path to grace.

3. We're in a spiritual battle, but we're not victims.



To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 PETER 5:11

**GOD HAS THE DOMINION.
HE HAS THE FINAL WORD.
HE IS IN CONTROL, FOREVER AND EVER.**