

## **1 Peter Series “Restored and Established”**

### **1 Peter 5:1-11**

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#### 1 Peter 5:1-11

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: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight,[a] not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you;[b] not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 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.” 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 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. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Suffering and persecution begin with the leadership of the church.

Three motives to guard against in church leadership -  
Leading out of sheer obligation, for money, or for power.

#### 1 Peter 5:5

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Humility is a posture of trust.

#### 1 Peter 5:6

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“Humble yourselves” says that we can lose our witness while witnessing.

#### 1 Peter 5:8-9

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Successful resistance is not giving up.

1 Peter 5:10

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Revelations 5:5

“Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

The Lion of Judah guarantees a better day is coming. He is has got you. God saves from start to finish.

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- Discuss the connection between church leadership and the health of a fellowship. What are the qualities needed for church leaders to “shepherd the flock” well?
- As Peter exhorts elders, he also highlights the importance of humility for those that are younger in the church. Why? How can we avoid making each other’s service in the church more difficult?
- Share thoughts on how casting our anxieties on the Lord is an act of humility. Do you tend to manage and fix your worries or turn them into prayers?
- If our adversary prowls like a roaring lion then what is Satan trying to make you fearful of right now? How is he wanting you to give up on Jesus in your current circumstances?
- Are there important ideas that you are still reflecting on from the 1 Peter series?
- As you wrap up, turn 1 Peter 5:10-11 into a prayer for your Grow Group.