

SOJOURNERS AND EXILES

A JOURNEY THROUGH FIRST PETER



WILL WE BE A RESOLUTE CHURCH?

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1 PETER 5:6-14

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.

¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

SUMMARY

Peter's first letter to the Church concludes with a series of Church community commitments. These commitments set Christians apart from the world around us. This is a shared, resolute pursuit that requires mutual exhortation and encouragement and will receive God's blessings and strength to persevere until Christ's appearing.

PASSAGE OUTLINE

The Prime Directive | 1 Peter 5:6-9

The Promised Reward | 1 Peter 5:10-11

The Priority Charge | 1 Peter 5:12-14

James 4:7-8

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

2 Peter 2:11-12

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

THE PRIME DIRECTIVE: LIVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

- Humble
- Sober-minded
- Resistant to Evil
- Firm in Faith

Romans 8:18

⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

THE PROMISED REWARD: GOD PERSONALLY SUSTAINS HIS PEOPLE FOREVER

1 Peter 1:13

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

THE PRIORITY CHARGE: STAND RESOLUTE TOGETHER IN GOD'S GRACE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the qualities of TBC that mean the most to you?
 2. Read 1 Peter 5:6-7. What is the connection between humility and casting all your cares on God?
 3. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9 and James 4:7-8. How are believers able to resist the devil?
 4. What Scriptures do you use to defend yourself against temptation and the devil's schemes?
 5. Read 1 Peter 5:10-11. Which of God's promises here do you most need to hold onto right now?
 6. Read 1 Peter 5:12-14. Why do you think Peter describes other chosen believers as being from Babylon?
 7. Think back over this letter to Christians in exile. What are the major themes?
 8. What do you think Peter means when he wrote, "this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it."?
 9. What was your takeaway from this week's message or passage?
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