"The Devil Made Me Do it?" 1 Peter 5:8-11

I.<u>VIGILENCE</u>: "be of sober spirit...alert" (v.8)

A. Awake: "sober spirit" (v.8a)

- Clear-headed/Undistracted

B. Alert: "on the alert" (v.8b)

1.Opponent: "your adversary, the devil"

2.Opportunity: "seeking...to devour"

II.<u>VITALITY</u>: "but resist him" (v.9)

A. Faith: "firm in your faith" (v.9a) - *Stand your ground/Stay at your post*

B. Facts: "knowing the...suffering" (v.9b) - Common suffering/Christian endurance

III. <u>VICTORY</u>: "after you have suffered" (vv.10-11) A. Invitation: "who called you" (v.10a)

B. Intention: "will Himself perfect..." (v.10b)

1. Supplied: "perfect"

- 2. Secured: "confirm"
- 3. Strong: "strengthen"
- 4. Steadfast: "establish"

C. Influence: "be dominion forever and ever" (v.11)

Next week: Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5