

1 Peter 5

Recap

Christian response to suffering

- Pursue holiness
- Be self-controlled and sober minded
- Love and serve the church
- Expect suffering
- Know that the Holy Spirit is with us
- Know that God is a faithful creator

1 Peter 5:1-5

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John 21:15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

Shepherding analogy in scripture

- Psalm 23 – “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want”
- Psalm 100:3 – “Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”
- Jeremiah 3:15 – “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”
- Ezekiel 34:1-2 – “The word of the LORD came to me: ² “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?”

1 Peter 5:2,4

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Isaiah 28:5

In that day the LORD of hosts will be a crown of glory,
and a diadem of beauty, to the remnant of his people

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“Humility is the great preserver of peace and order in all Christian churches and societies, consequently pride is the great disturber of them, and the cause of most dissensions and breaches in the church”

Matthew Henry

1 Peter 5:6-11

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.

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The Mighty Hand of God

Exodus 3:19 – “But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand.”

Exodus 32:11 – “But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?”

“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?” (Isaiah 40:12)

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“He will either avert what you fear or support you under it”

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Joel 2:24-27

24 “The threshing floors shall be full of grain;

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.

26 “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else.

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“[He will] settle them upon Christ the foundation, so firmly that their union with him might be indissoluble and everlasting”

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1 Peter 5:12-14

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2 Peter 1:16

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

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