

1 Peter 5:5-11

Experiencing Victory in a Hostile World

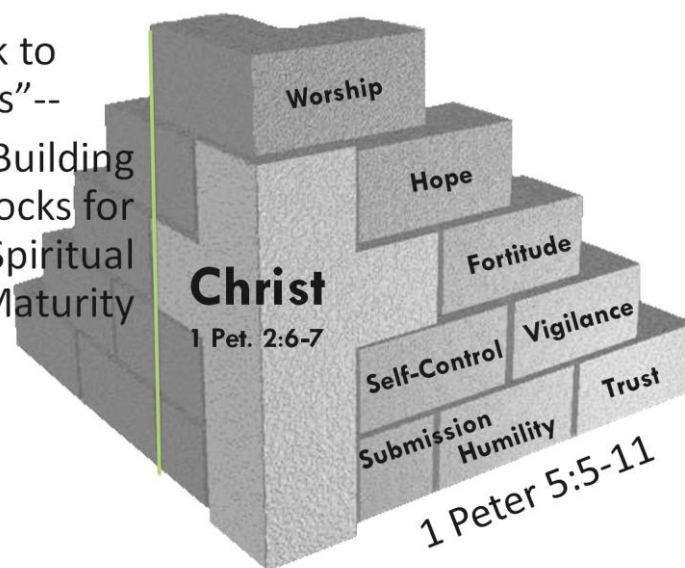
“...a primer for winning the war that really matters”

Fundamental Outcomes from Navigating Suffering Biblically

“5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. 8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 11 To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Pet. 5:5-11 NASB)

“Back to Basics”--

Building Blocks for Spiritual Maturity



Today's Objective Reminder:

Humble dependence on God's Sovereign

will is that which carries us through the sufferings of this life to the finish line of faith.

“Back to the Basics” of Navigating Through Suffering (1 Pet. 5:5-11)

1. “be SUBJECT to your elders;” (5:5a) -- SUBMISSION

- It's a call for RESPECT
- It's a call for HONOR
- It's a call to give deference to those in _____ leadership. The people of God must learn to submit themselves to these leaders. (Eph. 5:21; Heb. 13:7)

2. “clothe yourselves with HUMILITY” (5:5b-6)

Inseparably linked to and underlying a submissive attitude is a mind given to HUMILITY (Ps. 25:9; Matt. 5:3-5; Eph. 4:1-2; Jam. 4:10).

As it relates to humility within Peter's context – It's a **humility** that is characterized by 4 things ==>

1. It is a **Humility** that bows to _____ (6)

2. It is a **Humility** that always looks to _____ and _____ (6)

3. “casting all your care upon Him, because He cares for you” (5:7) -- **TRUST**

3. It is a **Humility** that always _____ worldly anxiety.

4. It is a **Humility** that _____ in God’s care. (Ps. 56:3; Matt.6:25-34; Phil. 4:6)

4. **Be aware of “ _____ ” (5:8-9) -- _____ & _____**

Peter gives us two basic commands for godly thinking and discipline:

“Be sober” -- _____ (1 Pet. 1:13; 4:7; Tit. 2:2; 1 Thess. 5:6-8)

“Be alert” -- _____ (Matt. 24:42; Rom. 13:11; 2 Tim.4:5)

Peter exhorts his readers to be ready for what is coming, and not be surprised when it is upon them (us) -- _____ and _____. They (we) must recognize _____ hand in the difficulties faced.

Peter’s first epistle has been dominated by the topic of suffering. In these final verses, for the first time he mentions Satan.

Satan’s relationship to suffering.

Satan’s view of suffering is dictated by his view of _____. His addiction to success led to his own downfall because of his _____ and grasping for the preeminence and glory which belong only to God. (Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:11-15; 1 Tim. 3:6)

- Satan is “your adversary, the devil.” - Terms mean _____, _____. Three times Jesus called him the ruler of this world. (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- Satan is called the “accuser of _____.” (Rev. 12:10) => (1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16; 4:4) - unjustly accused of being _____ by unbelievers for doing good. Now we see that behind these accusations is _____
- Satan _____ men on the basis of their success. (1 Chron. 21:1; 1 Tim. 3:6)
- But for those who suffer, Satan tries to convince them _____ and cannot _____. (Job 1:9-11) Satan sees suffering as the opportunity to turn us from God.
- Peter indicates that the themes of suffering and glory both converged in the person of Messiah. But the Old Testament prophets could not understand how this could be since suffering and glory seemed incompatible (1 Pet. 1:10-12).

- Satan's view of suffering and glory is evident in the temptation of our Lord. (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-4)
 - First Temptation: (Matt. 4:1-4) Satan's objective -- Jesus should use His _____ to end His _____ and reveal His _____ by commanding that stones become bread.
 - Same test to Israel: Deut. 8:1-3; John 6:25-34; 52-69
 - Second Temptation: (Matt. 4:5-8) Satan's objective – Let Him put Himself in a situation where _____, and then God must _____ Him.
 - Same test to Israel: Matt. 3:1-12
 - Third Temptation: (Matt. 4:8-11) Satan's objective – Offer Him the _____ of earthly kingdoms for the glory Satan would gain by obtaining the _____ of Messiah.
 - Same test to Israel: Ex. 32:6; John 11:47-50
 - Such temptations did not end at Christ. Satan seeks an “_____” to attack, not only through unbelievers, but even the saints (Luke 4:13; Matt. 16:21-23)
 - Now we can understand Peter's reason for establishing the link between suffering and Satan. (Luke 22:31-32)
 - Peter knows only too well...He failed...He was not “sober” and “alert”!

Satan's Attack

- Satan is a creature of diversity of methods. At times, he seeks to catch us unawares, or unnoticed. (2 Cor. 11:12-15). But sometimes, like we see in this passage, Satan's opposition is _____. He is described as “_____” (Ps. 104:21; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Ezek. 22:25; Amos 3:4)