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Standing Firm in the Faith

Humility, Harmony and Holiness are your calling now as you await the day
when your Hope will be realized

1. _____ and _____ evidence humility towards each other in Jesus' Church

1 Peter 5:1-5

Acts 14:23

If Jesus, the God-man can take on this posture of a _____ towards His brothers, then
we can have this same attitude as well

2. You can stand firmly in your _____ when it's rooted in a God who cares for you

1 Peter 5:6-9

Don't resist His efforts to help you see yourself in light of who He is, and when that happens, it won't be
so much that you think so lowly of yourself, but you'll see yourself more _____

Ephesians 6:13

James 4:7

3. Suffering may be your present state, but God's strengthening is in your _____

1 Peter 5:10-14

1 Peter 2:9

1 Peter 2:12

1 Peter 3:15

Don't strive to simply _____ these times; ask Jesus to help you _____ in them for
His glory and Kingdom cause

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SHARE

Who has been a shepherd in your life? How did this person influence you?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

We are in the final chapter of a letter written to encourage and instruct God's suffering people. The author (Peter) has emphasized hope, holiness, harmony, and humility.

Read 1 Peter 5:1-5. What does Peter command to the elders? What should be their approach and attitude? (see also John 10:11-18; 21:15-17)

Read 5:6-9. What are the specific instructions in this passage? How do they fit with a group of people following Jesus together? What reasons / motivations are given for their behavior?

6-7

8-9

Notice the contrast of "humble yourselves" under God (6 - i.e. put yourself under His authority) and "resist" the "enemy" (9). What might it look like to resist the enemy? (See also James 4:7) What is the enemy tempting us to do? How did Jesus resist the enemy in Matthew 4:1-11?

What is the promise in 5:10? (Compare this to Paul's promise in 2 Timothy 2:10?) What are the specifics of this promise?

How can our "calling" (10) affect our present life?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What comes to mind when you think of an elder/shepherd?

How does the subject of elder/shepherd connect with the themes in 1 Peter?

How would you summarize the calling and promises of 5:6-10? How does this passage summarize the grace of God, His master plan, and His desire for us?

PRAY TOGETHER

- Please pray for our Elders as they shepherd God's people
- Pray for our broken world including friends that you know are without Jesus
- Pray for our unity, our love for one another, and our passion to love and follow Jesus together
- Pray for the Micah House teams who are serving their communities
- Pray for our workers in remote places
- Pray that we take to heart what we are learning in 1 Peter