

the **SHEPHERD**, the **SHEPHERDS**

and the **SHEEP**

1 PETER 5

¹Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ²shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be **sober**-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And 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. "To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹²By 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.

TO STAND IN SUFFERING

PRAY FOR OUR ELDERS (the Shepherds)

> MONDAY: WILLING

TUESDAY: EAGER

WEDNESDAY: EXAMPLES

PRAY FOR ALL OF US (the Sheep)

> THURSDAY: HUMBLE

> > FRIDAY: SOBER

SATURDAY: FIRM

RENEWAL QUESTIONS: How are sheep depicted throughout Scripture? Which passages stand out to you, and why? What is something you learned about the role of Elders this week? All sheep are commanded to be humble, sober, and firm—which command is most challenging for you? This week, how will you strive to be more humble, sober, or firm in your faith? This week, pray for our elders and the whole church by following our prayer guide!

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