

1 PETER 5:1-14 (ESV)

¹So 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: ² shepherd 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.¹¹To 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. ¹³She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Sermon text next Sunday: Genesis 2:4-9, 14-25

THE HOPE OF GLORY

A Strange Kind of Hope ♦ Dan Smith ♦ 11.19.17

The path to glory

1 Pet. 5:1-6

The enemy of glory

1 Pet. 5:2-9

The guarantee of glory

1 Pet. 5:10-14
Col. 1:24-29

TALK ABOUT IT

Visit npberean.org/group-resources for more group resources or to connect.

- ♦ **Treasuring God:** How does our view of God relate to our levels of humility and anxiety? What do verses 10-11 make me feel?
- ♦ **Being Transformed:** Where in my own life would I like to see greater humility or less anxiety? What's one step I can take right now?
- ♦ **Loving Others:** What does it look like to lead others humbly? How does Jesus model this? How can I?
- ♦ **Pursuing Unity:** What are some practical ways we can love and encourage each other as Christ followers? How does this affect us when we're suffering?