

Built Different - 1 Peter 5

1 Peter 4:19, So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

1 Peter 5:1-4, To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

1. LEAD faithfully because the stakes are high.

It requires a WILLING heart.

1 Peter 5:2, Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be.

PICTURE - Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protecting a sheep

John 21:18, Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.

It requires PURE motives.

1 Peter 5:2b-3, ...not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

It requires having an ETERNAL perspective.

1 Peter 5:4, And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

2. LIVE with humility because God opposes the proud.

1 Peter 5:5-6, In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders, All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes

the proud but shows favor to the humble.” ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”

3. LAST for the long haul because life is temporary.

Trust God with the WORRIES of life.

1 Peter 5:7, Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

“Worry doesn’t empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.” - Corrie Ten Boom

Resist the ENEMY who wants to steal, kill, and destroy.

1 Peter 5:8-9, Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Receive God’s GRACE, and allow Him to restore you and make you strong.

1 Peter 5:10-11, And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Your name is power
Your name is healing
Your name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire