THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH

1 Peter 5:5-14

Big Idea: Believers are called to walk in humility, stand firm against the devil, and trust that God is working through their pain for a greater purpose.

1. Peter reminds the church of the fundamental truth:
⁵ "You younger men, likewise, be subject to <i>your</i> 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 prope time, ⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."
Philippians 2:5-7 "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, <i>and</i> being made in the likeness of men."
Proverbs 6:16-17a "There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue"
2. Peter reminds the church of the fundamental truth:
 8 "Be of sober <i>spirit</i>, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in <i>your</i> faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world." John 10:10a "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy" A.) Be <u>sober</u> B.) Be <u>alert</u> C.) Be <u>resistant</u> D.) Be <u>firm</u>
Ephesians 6:10-11 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."
3. Peter reminds the church of the fundamental truth:
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 <i>and</i> establish you. ¹¹ To Him <i>be</i> dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹² Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard <i>him</i>), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! ¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and <i>so does</i> my son, Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ."

James 1:2-4 "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

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