



Week 12

Sermon Series: Sojourners & Exiles: 1 Peter

Sermon Title: Important Final Words

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 5:6-14

Study Handout Week of: November 13, 2022

Group Week of: November 20, 2022

Sermon Date: November 27, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Humility – James 4:4-10
Day 2	Giving God Our Anxiety - Matt 11:25-30
Day 3	Alert – Ephesians 6:10-20
Day 4	Resisting Satan – Matthew 4:1-11
Day 5	Future Hope – Titus 2:11-15

The Text: 1 Peter 5:6-11

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe Everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

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

¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Peter are speaking to the church in Asia Minor (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) What comes after suffering, and why does the believer need to be reminded of this?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) What have you found to be the most challenging part of being humble or pursuing humility?
- 2) What has been most helpful to you in cultivating humility?
- 3) Peter reminds the believer to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God. Why do you think Peter emphasizes the mighty hand of God when talking about humility? How does the mighty hand of God humble the believer?
- 4) In what way does God's mighty hand lift up the believer? Is this related to the "glory to be revealed" often mentioned in this letter, or does God lift up believers in this life as well?
- 5) Casting our anxieties on the Lord is not easily done. When have you tried to give your cares and anxieties to the Lord, and it did not seem to work?
- 6) When have you given your anxieties to the Lord and actually felt the burden of worry come off your shoulders? Discuss the difference between the answers to questions 5 and 6 with your life group.
- 7) Once again, Peter calls the believer to an alert and sober mind. This time he tells us to be alert because Satan is prowling around looking for someone to devour. What is the difference between being alert and being paranoid? How does that relate to the Christian life?
- 8) Peter reminds us that our brothers and sisters around the world suffer the same attacks of Satan in their lives. How does remembering that you are not alone in your fight against Satan help provide strength in resisting his attacks?
- 9) The promise for those who humbly stand firm in the faith is that in "a little while [God] will himself restore you, make you strong, firm and steadfast." Apply this to your suffering, and explain to your life group how this truth provides strength in your trials.