



**Stand in Hope**  
Studies in 1 Peter

Serving in Hope  
1 Peter 5  
**Lesson 13**

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### **Introduction**

God's grace enables us to stand firm in the mist of persecution Peter's final words encourage the believers to serve faithfully with their hope in God's grace to enable them to serve with joy.

Apart from suffering from the end times, the believers still have to face their three great enemies, the world the flesh and the devil. Christian leaders are to be shepherd's not lords. The ancient Israelite shepherd would go before his sheep to lead them; he wouldn't put the sheep in front of him. God's shepherds must feed and protect those whom they have been given the responsibility of shepherding as God's flock.

Serving must be done with a willing and humble heart. By nature, we don't want to submit to others. If we are submitted to the Lord, we will be able with God's grace to submit to one another. Satan is always looking out for ways to devour, if he can't destroy with outward persecution, he will try to creep in through inward division. Their hope is to rely on the grace of God who will perfect, establish, strengthen and settle them as they keep their eyes on the goal of their eternal glory in Christ.

I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that  
this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

1 Peter 5:12

### ***Treasures of the Heart***

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

*Peter 5:8-10*





## **L**ook - What do you see?

Write a summary sentence that states the **main point of the chapter** from the observations you made. What is the author trying to say?

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## **L**earn – What does it mean?

What **lesson** can I draw from my observations? **Ask yourself, “What was the intended meaning of the original author?”** Is there a command to obey or a warning to heed? An example to follow or avoid? **State each lesson in a simple sentence that you could share with someone else.** (aim for 10 words or less).

1 Peter 5:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 5:5-13 \_\_\_\_\_

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## **L**ive - How can I apply it?

**Ask yourself, “What course of action do I need to take to apply each lesson?”** How should it change me? What does it challenge me to do? Does it point out error in my attitude or actions? Putting it in the form of a question helps make it personal. (aim for 10 words or less).

1 Peter 5:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 5:5-13 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge:** Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. **Summarize your findings in your own words.**

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## **Looking for Jesus.** . . .

1 Peter is all about hope and God's grace in action. Calling on God's grace will change our behavior as we face persecution. See if you can recognize what God's grace will supply, and how it will manifest itself through trials. **State these truths in your own words.**

**W**hat does God's grace supply? (Be specific)

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**H**ow will God's grace help you manifest God's character in trials?

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**W**hat words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point, and what is most important to the author.

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## **Getting The Point**

See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

1 Peter 5:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 5:5-13 \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

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**Flex Your Muscles** Can you discover an O.T. example of this N.T. truth?

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### **Radiating His Truth . . .**

The devil is an adversary, not a friend: he is a roaring lion, not a playful pet. He wants to devour, and you had better be on guard.

Warren Wiersbe



