

“A Living Hope”

Week 8: The God of All Grace

1 Peter 5:1-14

Main idea: The true grace of God empowers us to live out God’s will day-by-day. Therefore, ***stand firm*** in it!

I. God’s grace motivates Christlike _____ . (vv. 1-4)

Elders...

- Serve with a deep sense of CALLING, not COMPULSION
- Be motivated by sincere, Spirit-fueled DESIRE, not DOLLARS
- Work to set a Christlike PATTERN, not to secure POWER
- Look toward your HEAVENLY REWARD, not HUMAN RECOGNITION

II. God’s grace is bestowed on the _____ . (vv. 5-7)

a. Humility toward one another: “clothe yourselves”

b. Humility toward God

What does it mean to “humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God?”

- Bow to God’s wisdom.
- Accept the twists and turns of God’s providence
- Entrust all your concerns to Him. (v. 7)

(From Wayne Grudem’s commentary on 1 Peter, TNTC, pg. 201)

III. By God's grace, we can _____ . (vv. 8, 9)

IV. By God's grace we will _____ to the end. (vv. 10, 11)

Time to "marinate":

- 1) What truth(s) from today's lesson stood out to you the most and why?
- 2) What did this passage teach you about humility?
- 3) How do you practically seek to cultivate humility in your life? What are your go-to practices, tools, resources, etc.?
- 4) We learned three ways we can humble ourselves under God's mighty hand. (Bow...accept...entrust...) Which of these is hardest for you and why?
- 5) What has Satan's "roar" looked like in your life lately? How are you encouraged by the truths in today's passage?
- 6) When you think of God as "the God of all grace," what comes to mind? In other words, how has He proven Himself to be the "God of all grace" in your life?
- 7) Sadly, we will not retain everything we learned in this study. Spiritual growth is the task of continually applying a **little bit** of truth to a **little bit** of life over the course of weeks and months and years and even decades. What **little bit of truth** are you walking away with as this study ends? How will you apply it to **a little bit of life**?