

1 Peter: A Living Hope (8 of 8)
“Leadership”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: Jesus is our living hope, who sustains us through the trials of life.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into **a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” **1 Peter 1:3 (NIV) Remember Verse**

1 Peter Has Encouraged Us To:

1. **A Living Hope**
2. **A Faith Refined**
3. **Find And Follow**
4. **An Uncompromising Faith**
5. **A Faith That Blesses Our Marriage**
6. **Prepare For Battle**
7. **Stand Strong When Faith Is On Trial**
8. **Be A Godly Leader**

If I Want To Be A Godly Leader, I Will:

1. Lead By Example

And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am **an elder** and a **witness** to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when He is revealed to the whole world. **1 Peter 5:1a (NLT2)**

As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: ² **Care** for the flock that God has entrusted to you. **Watch over it** willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. ³ Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. ⁴ And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor.

1 Peter 5:1a - 4 (NLT2)

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but **set an example** for the believers in **speech**, in **life**, in **love**, in **faith** and in **purity**.”

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

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2. Serve With Humility

In the same way, you younger men must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, serve each other in **humility**, for “God opposes the proud but favors the humble.

⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 Peter 5:5-7 (NLT2)

So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them.

⁴³ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your **servant**, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the **slave** of everyone else. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but **to serve** others

and to give his life as a **ransom** for many.” **Mark 10:42-45 (NLT2)**

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3. Stand Firm Against The Enemy

⁸ **Stay alert!** Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are. **1 Peter 5:8-9 (NLT2)**

¹⁰ In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will **restore, support, and strengthen** you, and he will **place you** on a **firm foundation**. ¹¹ All power to him forever! Amen. **Peter 5:10-11 (NLT2)**

¹² I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God’s grace for you. Stand firm in this grace. ¹³ Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴ Greet each other with Christian love. Peace be with all of you who are in Christ. **1 Peter 5:12-14 (NLT2)**

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➤ **Are you ready to lead with a servant’s heart?**

My next right step, I will:

Lead by example

Serve others

Stand firm in my faith

Invite someone to Easter Services 9:15 11:00

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

Big Idea: Jesus is our living hope, who sustains us through the trials of life.

Open your group with a prayer.

Icebreaker:

Were you the youngest, middle, or oldest child in your family? How did the family “pecking order” affect your personality?

Study:

If I Want To Be A Godly Leader, I Will:

1. Lead By Example

Read 1 Peter 5:1-4

Why do you think God refers to His people as sheep?

What is one of the unruliest groups you had to shepherd?

What attitude does God want us to have as we lead?

Read and discuss the commentary:

5:2-3 shepherd the flock of God. Since the primary objective of shepherding is feeding, that is, teaching, every elder must be able to teach (cf. Jn 21:15-17; see 1Ti 3:2 [note]; Titus 1:9 [note]). Involved with the feeding of the flock is also protecting the flock (cf. Ac 20:28-30). In both duties, it must be remembered that the flock belongs to God, not to the pastor. God entrusts some of His flock to the pastor of a church to lead, care for, and feed (v. 3). **not under compulsion**, but voluntarily. Specifically, Peter may be warning the elders against a first danger—laziness. The divine calling (cf. 1Co 9:16), along with the urgency of the task (Ro 1:15), should prevent laziness and indifference. Cf. 2Co 9:7. **not for sordid gain**. False teachers are always motivated by a second danger, money, and use their power and position to rob people of their own wealth (see 2Pe 2:1-3 [notes]). Scripture is clear that churches should pay their shepherds well (1Co 9:7-14; 1Ti 5:17, 18); but a desire for undeserved money must never be a motive for ministers to serve (cf. 1Ti 3:3; 6:9-11; 2Ti 2:4; Titus 1:7; 2Pe 2:3). The MacArthur Study Bible.

Read 1 Timothy 4:12

In the five areas, which area do you need to focus on the most?

2. Serve With Humility

Read 1 Peter 5:5-6

How has pride affected you in the past?

How can we serve each other better?

Read and discuss the commentary:

5:5 Both young and old can benefit from Peter's instructions. Pride often keeps older people from trying to understand young people and keeps young people from listening to those who are older. Peter told both young and old to be humble and to serve each other. Young men should follow the leadership of older men, who should lead by example. Respect those who are older than you, listen to those younger than you, and be humble enough to admit that you can learn from others. Life Application Study Bible.

Read Mark 10:42-45

How does Jesus describe the way we should lead?

How did Jesus lead?

Read 1 Peter 5: 7

What is your greatest worry? Is God greater than this?

Read and discuss the commentary:

5:7 Carrying your worries, stresses, and daily struggles by yourself shows that you have not trusted God fully with your life. It takes humility, however, to recognize that God cares, to admit your need, and to let others in God's family help you. Sometimes we think that struggles caused by our own sin and foolishness are not God's concern. But when we turn to God in repentance, he will bear the weight even of those struggles. Letting God have your anxieties calls for action, not passivity. Don't submit to circumstances but to the Lord, who controls circumstances. Life Application Study Bible.

3. Stand Firm Against The Enemy

Read 1 Peter 5:8-14

How are we to guard against the enemy?

How can you stand firm in God's grace?

5:8, 9 Lions attack sick, young, or straggling animals; they choose victims who are alone or not alert. Peter warns us to watch out for Satan when we are suffering or being persecuted. If you are feeling alone, weak, helpless, and cut off from other believers, or if you are so focused on your troubles that you forget to watch for danger, those are the times when you are especially vulnerable to Satan's attacks. During times of suffering, seek other Christians for support. Keep your eyes on Christ, and resist the devil. Then, says James, "he will flee from you" (James 4:7). Life Application Study Bible.

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

Plan a potluck to celebrate going through this study as a group.