

1 Peter 5:1-14
Inductive Discovery Lesson 12

Serving in Hope What does serving in hope look like? Peter's closing remarks began with a special word to church shepherds. Keep watch of your own heart and lead by example. He encouraged *all* believers to serve humbly and stay focused. From a lifetime of experience, Peter understood the devil's strategy of suffering. Your enemy, Peter warned, is constantly on the prowl to distract and destroy you—but don't lose hope! The God of all grace promises you a different outcome.

Faithful service is hard and humble work but the reward is eternally glorious. Pastor and writer, A.W. Tozer, once said that when Christ looks at our service it won't be to judge how much we have done but how much heart we put into it. Is there hope in your heart? Is there heart in your service? As you study this chapter, look for the qualities that Peter emphasizes to discover what serving in hope looks like.

English Standard Version (ESV)

1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be soberminded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. 13 She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. 14 Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ

OBSERVE

Start by reading the entire chapter at least once. Now read each section and record what you see. **Use the first column to keep track of what you find in the Bible passage**. (Who? What? When? Where?) Briefly describe, *in your own words*, what it says.

Use the second column to keep track of information you get from other sources such as scripture references, a dictionary, concordance, maps, etc. You can also use this section to jot down **your thoughts, impressions or questions.** *Do your best to follow Peter's train of thought.* Does he use a word or phrase repeatedly, or emphasize a particular topic? Are his words urgent? Encouraging? Commanding? What issues or problems does he address? What questions does he ask?

1 Peter 5:1-5				
Facts from the passage:	My Research and Personal Observations:			

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1 Peter 5:12-14 Facts from the passage:	My Research and Personal Observations:

Key Words and Phrases

Write the definition of the following words and phrases. Use a regular dictionary or a Bible concordance with Greek Dictionary if you have one.

"submit yourselves" (vs. 5)
"humble yourselves" (vs.6)
"be sober-minded" (vs.8)
"be watchful " (vs. 8)
"restore" (vs.10)
"confirm" (vs.10)
"strengthen" (vs.10)
"establish" (vs.10)

INTERPRET

Look for a spiritual lesson. Be careful not to read into the Bible an idea that is not there. Examine each verse in light of the verses around it. To help you find a spiritual lesson, ask questions such as: Is there a command to obey? Is there a promise to claim? Is there a condition to that promise? Is there a warning to heed? Is there an example to follow or avoid? **State the lesson in one simple sentence.**

APPLY

We don't study the Bible just to gather information—we want to spiritually grow. Our heart needs to be open to change. The only way to move truth off the pages of your Bible and into your life is to *put it into action*.

To apply a spiritual lesson, we must examine ourselves and take deliberate steps to do something with what we have learned. Ask yourself: Is this a new insight for me, or does it reinforce what I already know? What does it challenge me to do? Does it point out error in my attitude or actions? What changes does it require? Think of how the lesson relates to you and what specific course of action you will take. Write your application in the form of a question to make it personal.

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1 Peter 5 :6-11 Lesson:	
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1 Peter 5:12-14 Lesson:	
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Summary Write a simple sentence that summarizes what the chapter is about.	
Give a title to the chapter to help you remember what it says.	

Up close and personal

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1 Peter 5:10

→ Memorize God's Word
Choose the translation you prefer to memorize the verse in and re-write it here.
⊃ Meditate on God's Word
While you memorize this verse, let it work into your heart and mind. Scripture meditation is like a good cup of tea—the longer it steeps, the richer the flavor. So give yourself permission to slowly savor God's Word! Use the questions below (like a tea bag) to keep dipping into this verse.
Challenge alert: You won't always see an obvious answer directly from the verse. Just <i>think and pray</i> about it and share what the Lord brings to your heart and mind.
Look up . What does this verse teach you about God? (For example, look for signs of His character, His attributes, His works, His promises.)
Look around . What does this verse teach you about the world and people in general?
Look within. What does this verse teach you about yourself?

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Something to Think About . . .

The Servant in Battle

O Lord, I bless Thee that the issue of the battle between Thyself and Satan has never been uncertain—and will end in victory.

Heal me of any wounds received in the great conflict...

If I have gathered defilement,

If my faith has suffered damage,

If my hope is less than bright,

If my love is not fervent,

If some creature-comfort occupies my heart,

If my soul sinks under the pressure of the fight.

Give me a drink of the eternal fountain that lies in Thy immutable, everlasting love and decree.

Then shall my hand never weaken, my feet never stumble,
My sword never rest, my shield never rust,
My helmet never shatter, my breastplate never fall,
As my strength rests in the power of Thy might.

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