

1 PETER

Unshakable: Standing Firm in a Shifting World

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PART 6: SHEPHERDS, HUMILITY, AND STRENGTH IN SUFFERING

CENTRAL QUESTION

How can we embrace humility and submission in a culture that often prioritizes self-promotion and independence?

INTRODUCTION

1 Peter 5 serves as the concluding chapter of Peter's epistle, addressing both leaders and members of the church community. In this chapter, Peter emphasizes the responsibilities of elders, the importance of humility among believers, and the need to stand firm against spiritual opposition. He provides practical guidance for fostering unity and perseverance in the face of suffering and trials, while also offering hope through God's promise of eternal glory. This chapter calls believers to examine their attitudes toward leadership, humility, and faith amidst challenges.

1 PETER CHAPTER 5 OUTLINE

A. Exhortation to Elders (verses 1-4)

- Call to shepherd God's flock willingly and humbly.
- Promise of the unfading crown of glory for faithful service.

B. Call to Humility and Mutual Submission (verses 5-7)

- O Younger members to submit to elders.
- Everyone to clothe themselves with humility.
- o Casting all anxieties on God because He cares for us.

C. Call to Vigilance Against the Enemy (verses 8-9)

O Be alert and sober minded to resist the devil, who seeks to devour.

	0	Assurance of restoration, strength, and eternal glory after suffering.
E.	Fi	nal Greetings and Benediction (verses 12-14)
	0	Encouragement to stand firm in grace.
	0	A closing benediction of peace for all in Christ.
Discu	JSSI	ON QUESTIONS
		does Peter mean by "shepherd the flock of God" (v. 2)? How does this to modern church leadership?
	-	does Peter emphasize humility in verses 5-6? How does humility relate to grace?
		does casting your anxieties on God (v. 7) reflect trust in His care? Why is fficult for many?
		practical steps can believers take to resist the devil as instructed in 8-9?

o Stand firm in faith, knowing believers worldwide face similar suffering.

D. God's Promises for the Suffering (verses 10-11)

PP	LICATION
•	Look back over all the lessons in 1 Peter and write a <u>brief summary</u> of this book.
	List at least three main points from 1 Peter that you'd like to remember.
١.	Describe at least three actions you'd like to take based on this study of 1 Peter.
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WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON 1 PETER

1 Peter (Tyndale New Testament Commentaries) by Wayne Grudem

This accessible commentary offers clear explanations and practical applications, making it suitable for both scholars and lay readers.

The Message of 1 Peter (The Bible Speaks Today Series) by Edmund Clowney Clowney provides a thoughtful exposition of 1 Peter, emphasizing its relevance for contemporary Christians facing trials and challenges.

1 Peter (Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament) by Karen H. Jobes. This scholarly work offers a comprehensive analysis of the text, delving into its historical context and theological themes.