

**Sermon:** Hardship, Holiness, Hope  
**Series:** 1 Peter: Hardships, Holiness, and Hope

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 5:6-14  
**Date:** November 29, 2020

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1) What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) Peter contrasts the “Mighty hand of God” with the roaring lion, the Devil. How has the Devil tried to tempt you to put good things above God?
- b) What do you think is the connection between “humbling yourself under the hand of God,” and “resisting the Devil?” Think about Revelation 12:10-11.

**2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?**

- a) In general, how are you doing with facing suffering with hope?
- b) Why will any hope that is less than the “eternal glory in Christ” (v.10) not sustain us?
- c) Why must we have hope before we can be humble (submit, suffer without vengeance, cast anxiety on the Lord, etc.)?

**3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Where do we see the grace of God in Peter’s conclusion?
- b) Re-read and focus on 5:10. How does this promise encourage you today?

**APPLICATION**

- a) We said that the Christian life is both Passive and Active. We work at resting and we work from resting? Where in the book of 1 Peter have you seen this important dynamic?
- b) Do you “do good” from rest? How might your attitude/motivation be different if you did?

**FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 5:6-11.**

**PRAYER**

Praise God for his “mighty hand” of salvation. His promise to restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Confess ways that you have put good things over God.

Ask God to cause you to stand firm in the faith of the gospel of grace.