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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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1 Peter 5:8-11

“Stand Up & Stand Out”

“Service – Part 2”

- I. Foundation: God’s Provision of Salvation (1:1-12)
- II. Exhortation: Our Response to So Great a Salvation (1:13-5:14)
 - A. Sanctification (1:13-2:12)
 - B. Submission (2:11-3:12)
 - C. Suffering (3:13-4:19)
 - D. Service (5:1-11)**
 - 1. Exemplary Shepherding (1-4)**
 - 2. Humbly Submitting (5-7)**
 - 3. S _____ S _____ (8-11)**
 - a. Satan’s Purpose (8)**

 - b. Satan’s Plan (1-7)**

 - c. God’s Prescription**
 - 1) Put on a humble _____ (5)**
 - 2) Recognize pride’s _____ (5)**
 - 3) Accept God’s _____ (6)**
 - 4) Wait for God’s _____ (6)**
 - 5) Cast your _____ upon God (7) – Prayer**
 - 6) Control your _____ (8)**

 - 7) Be _____ to Satanic attacks (8)**

 - 8) Defend yourself with _____ (9)**

 - 9) Recognize you aren’t _____ (9)**

 - 10) Look to a _____ future (10)**

 - 11) Give _____ to God (11)**

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Read **Eph. 6:10-20**. This is in the context of people who are spirit-filled (5:18), worshiping together (5:19-21), with godly marriages & families (5:22-6:4), serving Christ in the workplace (6:5-9). It is people who are serving God faithfully who will be strategically attacked by the devil. What are some of the **schemes** of the devil revealed in the Bible (list references)? What does it mean to **stand firm against** or **resist him** and his demonic hosts? How does each piece of the armor of God protect us?
2. Read **1 Peter 5:1-11**. Our culture is currently struggling intensely with **anxiety**. What is the connection between pride and anxiety? Why do you think it is getting worse in America (especially with people 25 years old and younger)? How might Satan and his demonic hosts use pride & anxiety to attack and devour people? What does it mean that he **prows about** and **roars**?
3. What does it mean to be **sober** and **on the alert**? What happens to sheep who are not sober and on the alert when predators come upon the flock? What specific behavior of sheep makes them more vulnerable to attack? What measures do you take daily to be protected from the attacks of the enemy? How do you protect your family?
4. Peter writes a lot about **suffering**. How might the devil use suffering to hinder a person from serving the Lord wholeheartedly? How might God use suffering to refine our faith, make us more like Jesus, drive us to more intimate fellowship with Himself and other believers, and help us develop an eternal perspective?
5. Peter says that we are to resist the devil **“firm in your faith.”** The word “your” is in italics because it’s not in the Greek text of the New Testament. It’s a definite article that can be translated “your” but more often is translated “the.” What is THE TRUTH? Where do we find it? How do we get to know it very well? How do we become FIRM in it?
6. Read **Matthew 4:1-11**. How did Jesus defend Himself against the devil? How did Jesus use the “sword of the Spirit, which is (spoken portions of) the word of God” (Eph. 6:17)? What can we learn from His example / model? How would speaking out loud specific portions of the Word of God help you when the devil attacks? How would it help with pride and/or anxiety?
7. How does an awareness that you are not alone in the battle with Satan (experiencing persecution and suffering for the faith) help you persevere? What books / biographies have you read that encouraged you to stand up and stand out for Jesus no matter what the cost?
8. According to 1 Peter 5:10, how secure is your future in Christ? What does Peter promise God WILL do for you? How does that help you in spiritual warfare when you FEEL like you can’t keep fighting?
9. What does it mean to give dominion to God? Who are we tempted to give dominion to in our daily decisions (big or small)? How does acknowledging and gratefully accepting God’s dominion in our lives motivate us to serve Him and others no matter what the cost?
10. **Where and how are you serving at The Bridge?** Wholeheartedly? Sacrificially? Joyfully? In the power of the Holy Spirit? With pure motives? Looking to future rewards? What gifts, abilities, and resources has the Lord given you that would be a blessing to the rest of the church family? If you don’t know where to serve, please look at the church app or website (<https://bridgebible.church/ministries/serve/>) or call the church office (818-776-1500). Your service at the Bridge is vital to its health and fruitfulness.
11. **Memorize 1 Peter 5:8-11.**