

Peter's Closing Challenges
1 Peter 4:1-5:14 (page 852)

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- I. Arm Yourself (4:1-11)
 - a. With the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:2-5)
 - b. Believer's focus (4:2-6)
 - c. Believers demeanor (4:7-11; Heb. 12:1-3)

- II. Glorify Christ (4:12-19)
 - a. Don't be surprised; (4:12)
 - b. No shame in suffering for doing good. (4:14-16)
 - c. Commit: Faithful Creator, (4:19; 2:21)

- III. Closing instructions to the Church
 - a. Men (elders and young) (5:1-5)
 - i. Serve not out of must but willing heart
 - 1. Called to serve
 - 2. Elders "Shepherd the Flock" (4:2-4)

 - ii. Extensions of the "Chief Shepherd"
 - 1. True Shepherd (Ezek. 34:11-16)
 - 2. Good Shepherd (John 10)
 - 3. Great Shepherd (Heb. 13:20)
 - 4. Faithful: Crown of Glory (5:4)

 - b. Gentle Reminders (5:6-11)
 - i. Humble yourselves before the Lord, (5:6 James 4:10; Prov 6:16)
 - ii. Cast your Cares on the Lord (5:7; Phil 4:6)
 - iii. Be self-controlled and alert, (5:8)
 - iv. Your ENEMY, the Devil. (5:8; James 4:7)
 - v. You're not alone in suffering (5:9)
 - vi. God will make you strong (5:10-11)
 - vii. God will make a way (1 Cor. 10:13)

 - c. Adios (5:12-14)