

Exiles Under the Power of God

1 Peter 5:6-11

Under the power of God...

- Our humility leads to our exaltation. (vv. 6-7)
- We are able to resist the devil by faith. (vv. 8-9)
- We persevere through suffering as God graciously secures us till the end. (vv. 10-11)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What do we think of when we consider the word "power"? And how is the power of God different compared to other notions of power? (Isa. 40:29-31; 2 Tim. 1:7; Phil. 4:13)
2. Read 1 Peter 5:6-7. Is it difficult for you to submit under the power of God? Is it easy for us to accept this humble state imposed upon us in culture? What anxieties or worries occur for you, if any?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. When did you first hear about the devil? How do you as a Christian resist him? How do you make sure to stay spiritually awake and alert? What are some ways we accidentally give too much time or mental energy to the devil? How do we avoid this? (John 12:31, 14:30; Ephesians 6:10-20; James 4:6-7)
4. How does it make you feel that you do not suffer alone but with the whole church? How can this truth stir us up into further obedience to the Lord? (Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 12:26; 2 Cor. 1:3)
5. Read 1 Peter 5:10-11. How does this passage assure you? What does it make you feel that this life of suffering is only for a little while yet our life of bliss is will be eternal? (2 Cor. 4:16-18)
6. God is a God of all grace (1 Pet. 5:10). How does that help us understand who our God is? (Ps. 116:5, 145:8; Isa. 30:18)