



Resilient Faith: A Study of 1 Peter

Weekly Work + 90-Day Bible Reading Plan | March 22

Introduction

We want to be a people who have a resilient faith. Throughout this series, our goal is to help us appreciate the unshakable salvation we have in Christ, embrace our treasured identity as God's chosen people and learn what it means to live holy and hopeful lives - even in the face of trials.

So, let's continue through 1 Peter AND our reading of the New Testament!

Read 1 Peter 5:1-5.

1. In verses 2-3, Peter lists several contrasts. What specific attitudes and behaviors is Peter commanding elders to avoid, and what positive alternatives does he give instead?
2. Peter calls elders to "be shepherds" of God's flock and refers to Jesus as the "Chief Shepherd" in verse 4. What does this shepherding imagery reveal about the nature of leadership in the church?
3. The passage ends with the command for everyone to "clothe yourselves with humility toward one another" and the quotation, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble" (quoting Proverbs 3:34). What does it mean practically to "clothe yourselves with humility," and how does this attitude resolve potential tensions between leaders and the congregation in the church?
4. Read Hebrews 13:17. How does this passage relate to what Peter is talking about regarding church leadership? Would you say that you joyfully "submit" to church leadership? Would you? Explain.

New Testament Reading Plan

Below is the reading plan for our journey through the New Testament. Each day, set aside a few minutes to read through the text. The goal isn't to solve every riddle or



answer every question. The goal is simply to pour God's Words into your mind and heart! After each day's reading, reflect. Use the following questions to help you do so:

- How are you coming to today's reading?
- What stood out to you or resonated with you?
- How does today's reading apply to your life?

After you've finished reading, move to the prayer portion of your weekly devotions to finish your time. Here's the reading for this week:

Day 1: 2 Peter 1-3, Psalm 119:153-176

Day 2: 1 John 1-3, Psalms 120-124

Day 3: 1 John 4-5, Psalms 125-129

Day 4: 2 John 1, Psalms 130-134

Day 5: 3 John 1, Psalms 135-136

Day 6: Jude 1, Psalm 137

Day 7: Revelation 1-3, Psalm 138

Pray

Based on your time in God's Word today (either in 1 Peter or in the New Testament), write a prayer to the Lord. Share with him your questions, what resonated, where you feel challenged, where you're hoping to grow, where you experienced resistance or difficulty in reading, etc. Use the space below to write your prayer.