

Living Hope
“The Appeal”
1Peter 5:1-7
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Humility clothes healthy relationships.

Says who?

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed:

Humble Yourselves

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another....

... because, “God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.”

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

“The command to be humbled *under God's mighty hand* is a command to accept, though not to seek, difficult circumstances as a part of God's deliverance, neither railing against God (“Why did this happen to me?” What did I do to deserve this?”) nor raging against those causing the difficulty, but rather blessings those who insult and injure (3:9).

Karen H. Jobes, *Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament: 1 Peter*.

Be shepherds of God's flock

NOT	BUT
Because something inside or outside of you is forcing you	Because you want to please God
For what you can get	Eager to give
Domineering those entrusted to you	As patterns for the flock

⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Submit Yourselves to Your Elders

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders.

We Renounce	We Announce	We Affirm	We Commit to Act
Pride and Fear	Our confidence is in God	<p><i>There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear....</i> 1 John 4:18</p> <p><i>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with...humility...and...love....</i></p> <p>Col. 3:12-14</p>	We clothe ourselves in humility and love.

Because of what God is saying to me, I will....

For Reflection and Discussion: What is God saying to you about humility? About caring for others? About respectful cooperation with others? What will you do this week?

In Preparation for Camp Sunday, 10:00 a.m. March 17, 2019: Prayerfully read 1 Peter 5:8-14. Ask God to reveal to all of us, including you, what He wants us to know and do.