

Genuine

Problem:
too comfortable

Text:
Suffering Reveals
1 Peter 5:1a ¶ So...

(1a) - "so" - suffering reveals the tested genuineness of our faith - 1 Peter 1:3-7; 4:12-19- corporate holiness

Genuine Shepherds

1Pet. 5:1b ...I exhort the **elders** among you, as a fellow **elder** (*not an apostle but as an equal and an example*) and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:

1Pet. 5:2 **shepherd** the flock of God that is among you, exercising **oversight**, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

1Pet. 5:3 not domineering over those in your charge, but **being examples** to the flock.

1Pet. 5:4 And when the **chief Shepherd** appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

(1b) - examples- fellow elder as opposed to apostle 1 Peter 1:1)

bad shepherds - ezekiel 34:1-16 -selfish

Chief shepherd - John 10:11-18 - lays down His life

1 Tim 4:11-16; 2 tim 2:15; 4:1-8

*Acts 20:26-28 - Peter saw Christ in person and knew — **Genuine shepherds are not selfish***

Genuine Sheep

1Pet. 5:5 Likewise, **you who are younger** (Ik 22:26), **be subject to the elders**. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

1Pet. 5:6 ¶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

1Pet. 5:7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Pride - Mark 14:26-31 - humility did not come naturally to Peter (5:1 -witness to sufferings)

he had to suffer to learn humility- John 21:15-17

*Phil 2:1-11 — **Genuine sheep are not proud***

Genuine Soldiers

1Pet. 5:8 **Be sober-minded; be watchful**. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1Pet. 5:9 **Resist him**, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

1Pet. 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all **grace**, who has called you to his eternal **glory in Christ**, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1Pet. 5:11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Sober-minded- 1 Peter 1:13; 4:1-2; - hope set full on the glory to come

*Peter had to suffer to learn this -Mark 8:29-33- **Genuine soldiers are not casual and lazy thinkers***

Genuine Sojourners

1Pet. 5:12 ¶ By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that **this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.**

1Pet. 5:13 She who is at Babylon (**Rome -we are sojourners, exiles**), who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.

*(12) Phil 3:17-21 - their god is their belly we wait... **Genuine sojourners are not worldly***

(13) Babylon -1 peter 1:1; 2:9-12 -> (Psalm 137) - remember your savior - your homeland

2 Cor 4:16-18

Implication -> IN Christ

1Pet. 5:14 Greet one another with the kiss of love. ¶ **Peace** to all of you who are **in Christ** (5:10).

It was not a perfect person God chose to author this letter but Peter

Peter who learned the hard way again and again

was more than a conqueror through Christ -> Rom 8:31-39

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Main Idea:

Suffering reveals that we are either more than conquerors IN Christ...or that we are not IN Christ at all

Implication:

It was not a perfect person God chose to author this letter but Peter
Peter who learned the hard way again and again
but he was more than a conqueror through Christ
And so are we who have put our faith IN Him who is faithful to finish what He started in us

Application:

Whose definition of genuineness will you listen to?

the world rewards selfish, dominating pastors now...
but Christ is coming to reward selfless, serving shepherds (5:4)

the world exalts autonomous, private faith now...
but Christ is coming to exalt the humble sheep in His flock (5:6)

the world seeks to restore, confirm, strengthen and establish satanic speculation now...
but Christ is coming to restore, confirm, strengthen and establish disciplined minds (5:10)

the world vindicates the comfortable and the conforming now...
but Christ is coming to vindicate uncomfortable sojourners waiting for His return (5:12)

Action:

don't be discouraged by the fakes,
remember Peter who lived through good Friday, who experienced the darkness of Saturday -
remember that Sunday is coming

Here is a great article about good pastors:

<http://www.gty.org/resources/questions/QA126/What-is-the-pastors-responsibility-besides-preaching-and-studying>

Here is a great article about one way to be a good church member:

<http://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/expositional.html>

Here is a great article on taking thoughts captive in spiritual warfare:

<http://www.raystedman.org/thematic-studies/spiritual-warfare/bringing-thoughts-into-captivity>

Here is a great article about true grace and waiting for our future King:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-waiting-is-the-hardest-part>