

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Peter 5:8-14

Current Series: Between 2 Worlds (A Study in 1 Peter)

Message Title: Peter's Closing Briefing

1 Peter 5:8-9 - *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

1. Realize you're _____

- Exercise _____
- Stay _____
- Intentionally _____
- Stand _____

1 Peter 5:10-11 - *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

2. Realize you're _____

1 Peter 5:12-14 - *With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.*

3. Realize you're _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 5:8-14

1. What security and safety measures have been a priority concern in your life?
2. When did you come to realize you are in a war with the devil? How has that realization impacted your life?
3. Talk through the four security measures Peter brought into focus in 1 Peter 5:8-9. What are the implications of each?
4. How often, if ever, do you live with a battleship, rather than cruise ship, mentality?
5. If you are a child of God, you are on the winning side. How does knowing that encourage and challenge how you live?
6. What words in 1 Peter 5:10 are most comforting to you today?
7. If it was just you and God fighting this war, would that be enough? Should it be enough?
8. How does knowing that believers all around the world are suffering for their faith but standing strong stir up your faith?
9. Whose unwavering faith in the midst of hardship has boosted your faith? Whose faith can your faith booster today?