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“The Blessing of Elders”
by Pastor Dan Stockum

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1 Peter 5:1-5

¹ So I exhort the elders among you,
as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings
of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory
that is going to be revealed:

1 Peter 5:1-5

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;

1 Peter 5:1-5

³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, 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.”

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The priority of shepherds: **the sheep**

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John 10:11-13

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away.

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¹³ Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.
The man runs away because he is a hired hand
and cares nothing for the sheep.

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The temperament of shepherds:
neither timid nor domineering

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The Chief Shepherd: Jesus

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