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1 Peter 5:1-14

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand. 13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son. 14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

"An encouragement for Church leaders, Youth and All."

Vs-1-3 Peter identifies himself as “a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed.” In light of what we have learned thus far, what is the significance of this personal qualifier? What lesson is intended by Peter for the elders in the “scattered” church?

Peter speaks of elders as being responsible for the Christian Church development. What qualified elders for this leadership? Give old and new Testament references.

Why does Peter refer to himself as a “fellow elder”? What is the significance when you compare to 1:1 “... an apostle of Jesus Christ”?

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Peter challenges the elders to be “shepherds” at heart. Discuss the attributes highlighted by Peter as it relates to the leadership in the Church. (Feed the flock of God; taking oversight; not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; not as being lords over God’s heritage, but being examples to the flock).

Vs-4 According to Peter, who are the elders/overseers/pastors responsible to in the Church, and why? Compare this to Mat.20:26-28 and describe the heart of a shepherd.

Vs-5-7 Why does Peter tell the younger people to submit to elders, and command all to be submissive to one another and be clothed with humility? What else does the bible say about youth to support this admonishing?

Peter quoted Proverbs 3:34 to show that humility is necessary in our relationship with God. What is the contrast between being proud and being humble in God's eyes?

How do you understand the words, “Casting all your cares upon him, for he cares for you”? Give a practical example.

Vs 8-10 Why must Christian's be clear-headed and watchful for the devil?

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What is the Christian's defense in resisting the devil's lies, threats and intimidation? Give scripture reference to support.

What lessons have you learned from this letter from Peter to the Church? What difference or benefits could it bring into our current journey at CMBC?
