



**Firm in the Faith**  
**16<sup>th</sup> in the “Elect Exiles” Series**  
**1 Peter 5:6-14 p. 1017**  
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**Introduction**

In this passage God teaches the believer that the Christian life combines trust and action.

**The Text: 1 Peter 5:6-14**

- 1) The life of an Elect Exile is characterized by humility toward God in the midst of suffering (vv. 6-7).
- 2) The life of an Elect Exile is marked by an understanding of the reality of Satan and a resistance to him (vv. 8-9).
- 3) The life of an Elect Exile is characterized by a hope and trust in God (vv. 10-11).

**Response**

- As an Elect Exile, you are called to trust in God and put that trust into action every day and in all circumstances.

## Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 5:6-14

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- 1) Starter Question: Why is it so hard to trust in God during difficult times?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What does it look like for a Christian to “humble themselves under the mighty hand of God” (v. 6)?
- 4) What does the end of v. 6 mean: humble yourself so that “at the proper time he [God] may exalt you?”
- 5) How does the Christian cast all their anxieties on God (v. 7)?
- 6) V. 7 makes a factual claim: God cares for you. How have you seen God’s care in your life?
- 7) Why might it be important to take seriously the depiction and intentions of the devil given in v. 8?
- 8) How does a Christian “resist” the devil, and how might standing firm in the faith be the answer (v. 9)?
- 9) Is the end of v. 9 saying something like “misery loves company?” How might the truth that the world-wide church is in this battle with you give a unity of strength?
- 10) In vv. 10-11 Peter declares that God will restore all things and make all things right by his power and glory. How is this a real hope that can give confidence in the present?

**Further study this week:** Psalm 56 on trusting in God (Mon); Proverbs 3 on trusting in God (Tues); Jeremiah 17:1-13 on trusting in God (Wed); Genesis 3 on the first account of Satan in Scripture (Thurs); Revelation 20 on the last account of Satan in Scripture (Fri).