

# 1 Peter 5:6-11

## **HOPE UNDER GOD'S MIGHTY HAND**

### **1. Hope of Future Glory (5:6)**

Humble yourselves

under God's mighty hand

and later on be exalted

### **2. Persevering Through Present Suffering (5:7-9)**

i) Casting all your anxieties on God

ii) Be sober-minded

iii) Be watchful

iv) Resist the devil

### **3. Hope of Future Glory (5:10-11)**

After suffering a little while, God will exalt you

by His mighty hand that rules forevermore

1. Share how you've seen God at work in this previous week (perhaps in answer to prayer requests), or other ways you've seen his goodness.
2. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
3. Our time in 1 Peter will be coming to a close next week.
  - a. In preparation, consider (as time permits) where we've been, what we've learned, and how it's been shaping us.
  - b. What has been the most helpful takeaway?
4. On Sunday we talked about humbling ourselves under God's mighty hand.
  - a. Read the following & discuss this idea: Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 136:12; Psalm 10:12-19; Exodus 15:6.
  - b. How could truths like these have helped Peter's first readers to humble themselves under this hand in their situations? How could they help us to do this in our situations?
  - c. How do these verses call us to cast our anxieties on God? Who is the God who cares for us?
  - d. How could we help one another in suffering & anxiety with truths like these? How do we live by these truths "together"?
    - What would be required of us when we need to hear these truths (when anxious) to walk this out & be encouraged?
    - It can be easy & unhelpful to "browbeat" the suffering/anxious with Bible verses. How can we be genuinely helpful to the anxious with these truths? What has your experience in this taught you?
5. On Sunday we were called to resist Satan by standing firm in our faith.
  - a. Read James 4:6-10; Matthew 4:1-11; & Ephesians 6:10-18.
  - b. What do we learn about being firm in our faith from these passages? Do any other verses come to mind?
  - c. How does Ephesians 6 call us to do this together (esp. v 18)?
6. Share some current or upcoming anxieties (big or small!) with one another. Pray, & make supplication for one another, casting these anxieties on God, because He cares for you.

**Next Week's Passage: 1 Peter 5:12-14**