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1 Peter – “A Living Hope”

Session 17

1 Peter 5:1-4 (NKJV)

“Leading by example”

Although this passage is directed by Peter towards the **“elders”** of the church, it actually has a message for every one of us. For each of us has a **“flock”** of people we can influence for the kingdom of God; whether it be people at church, or our children, or our wife, or neighbors, or coworkers. Peter reveals here the spirit by which we are to lead others to and in the kingdom of God; by being **“examples”** to them. The question we must ask ourselves this week is what am I *teaching* others by the way I conduct my life? What can they learn by the way they see me face trials and persecution; when things don't go my way?

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1

What does Peter say about himself to his **“fellow elders”**?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:2-3

Having expressed his own experience of relationship to Christ, what does Peter now direct his fellow elders to do? What contrasts does he give for *how* they should do that?

Scripture: Matthew 20:25-28

What was Jesus' message to His disciples about this same subject? And what did He give as an example for His directive?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:4

What will be the fruit for the one who leads others in this spirit of service and humility?

Personal Application:

Take the time before the Lord to review how you get the message of the gospel across by the way you live your life. What kind of an example would you say your ACTIONS give to others? What would it tell them about what you claim to believe about Jesus Christ? What areas do you need to grow in? Spend some time in prayer (talking to the Lord) about those areas. Repent to Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to continue His work in your life in those specific areas.

Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

"Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."

1 Peter 5:2-3