

Message by John Johnson
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1 Peter 5:8-11

Questions for Discussion:

1. Peter tells his audience that they are to be 'sober-minded' and 'watchful'. Why do you think he does this right after telling them of God's care for them? Does it tell us something about God's care for us? Do you think that many of us believe that God's care for us keeps us from all harm?

What would it look like for us to be 'sober-minded' and 'watchful'?

2. Satan is portrayed here as a hungry lion ready to devour these believers. What is it about Satan that makes him so hostile to the people of God?

Read Gen. 4:7. Are there any similarities between these passages? What are they? What connections do you draw from these two passages? Do you think this is what Peter is thinking of when he writes this passage in his epistle?

3. What is the connection between suffering and falling prey to Satan and his work around us? What can/should we do to insulate ourselves from falling this way? What does Peter say we should do?

4. Possibly the most hopeful portion of this passage is in verse 10. What are the promises which are expressed in this verse? Is it something we have to work to receive?

Can you find verses of God's promise to 'restore, confirm, strengthen and establish' us?

(Jer 31, Jer 32:38-41, Ezek 36, the New Testament Epistles...?)

5. What are your over-all impressions of this letter from Peter? Summarize what you believe his main points are in the letter. What is the prominent take-away message from 1 Peter? How is it affecting your relationship to the Lord Jesus? To others?