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- **A. Don't Be Shocked (4:12-13)**
 - 1. The shock is not about what will happen to you (4:12)
 - a. The intensity of the trial 1 Peter 1:7
 - b. The importance of the trial James 1:3
 - c. The imperative of the trial 2 Timothy 3:12

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- A. Don't Be Shocked (4:12-13) continued
 - 2. The shock is about what should happen in you (4:13)

James 1:2

Romans 5:3

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- **B.** Don't Be Sad (4:14-16)
 - 1. When persecuted for Christ's sake (4:14)
 - a. You are in good company
 Matthew 5:11-12
 - b. You see God's power revealed Acts 4:29-31
 - 2. Versus when punished for sin's sake (4:15) Galatians 6:7-8
 - 3. When persuaded for suffering for righteousness (4:16)

Acts 5:41-42

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- C. Don't Be Sinful (4:17-19)
 - 1. Examine yourselves (4:17)
 - a. Start now
 - b. Start here
 - 2 Corinthians 13:5
 - 2. Escape judgment (4:18)
 - 1 Corinthians 11:32
 - 2 Peter 3:11
 - 3. Exercise diligence (4:19)
 Philippians 2:12-13

Living In Preparation 1 Peter 5:1-14

We Should Always Be Looking For The Return Of Christ

- A. In your calling (5:1-4)
 - 1. Be encouraged (v 1)
- 1 Peter 5:1

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:

- A. In your calling (5:1-4) continued
 - 2. Be engaged (v 2)
- 1 Peter 5:2

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;

John 21:17

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

- A. In your calling (5:1-4) continued 3. Be examples (v 3)
- 1 Peter 5:3

Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

Titus 1:7

For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

- A. In your calling (5:1-4) continued
 - 4. Be expecting (v 4)
- 1 Peter 5:4
- And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Revelation 22:12

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

- B. In your consideration (5:5-6)
- 1 Peter 5:5-6
- 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:

- B. In your consideration (5:5-6)
 - 1. For the older
- Leviticus 19:32
- Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.
 - 2. For the other
- **Romans 12:10**
- Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

- B. In your consideration (5:5-6) continued
 - 3. For the Omnipotent

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

C. In your concerns (5:7)

1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1. God is waiting on you

Psalm 55:22

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

- C. In your concerns (5:7) continued
 - 2. God is watching you

Luke 8:14

And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

3. God is wanting you

Matthew 11:28

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

II. Be Alert (5:8-11)

- A. Be watching (5:8)
- 1 Peter 5:8
- Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
- **B.** Be warring (5:9)
- 1 Peter 5:9
- Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

II. Be Alert (5:8-11)

C. Be whole (5:10-11)

1 Peter 5:10-11

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.

III. Be Serving (5:12-14)

A. Doing things that others cannot do (5:12)

1 Peter 5:12

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.

III. Be Serving (5:12-14)

- B. Being there when others need you (5:13)
- 1 Peter 5:13
- The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.
- 2 Timothy 4:11
- Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.
- C. Bringing the peace of God to all through love (5:14) 1 Peter 5:14
- Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Are You Ready?