

1 Peter 5:1-14 Concluding Exhortations
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1 Peter 5:1 NKJV - The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:

Exhort = G3870 = παρακαλέω parakalēō, par-ak-al-eh'-o; from [G3844](#) and [G2564](#); to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation):—beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort(-ation), intreat, pray.

The KJV translates Strong's G3870 in the following manner: [beseech](#) (43x), [comfort](#) (23x), [exhort](#) (21x), [desire](#) (8x), [pray](#) (6x), [intreat](#) (3x), *miscellaneous* (4x), variations of 'besought' (1x).

From the Outline of Biblical Usage:

- I. to call to one's side, call for, summon
- II. to address, speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, instruction, etc.
 - A. to admonish, exhort
 - B. to beg, entreat, beseech
 1. to strive to appease by entreaty
 - C. to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort
 1. to receive consolation, be comforted
 - D. to encourage, strengthen
 - E. exhorting and comforting and encouraging
 - F. to instruct, teach

EXHORT definition from the Internet: The Biblical word often used instead of encourage is “exhort,” and that definition adds even more emphasis: Exhort is defined as to “**strongly encourage or urge someone to do something**”—have the sense of pushing forward.

First - In addition to being an elder, he was also an apostle.. And viewed himself as a servant:

1 Peter 1:1 NKJV - Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 Peter 1:1 NKJV - Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

But he is, HUMBLY, NOT stating that he is an apostle as he gives this admonition. He is saying he, TOO, is an elder. He follows the same wise principle that Paul did:

1 Corinthians 9:19 NLT - Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:20 NLT - When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law.

1 Corinthians 9:21 NLT - When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:22 NLT - When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, **I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.**

1 Corinthians 9:23 NLT - I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

Notice that the approach is to humble ones self to reach other, not to be condescending or speaking down to others. A valid principle we need to apply in our efforts to share the gospel with others.

Second - he claims he witnessed the suffering of Jesus.

He followed when they took Jesus from the garden:

Luke 22:54 NKJV - Having arrested Him, they led [Him] and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance.

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Luke 22:61 NKJV - And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

Luke 22:62 NKJV - So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

At the actual crucifixion, part of Jesus' acquaintance:

Luke 23:48 KJV - And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

Luke 23:49 KJV - And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

Third - as a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:

2 Peter 1:16 KJV - For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 1:17 KJV - For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 17:1 KJV - And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

Matthew 17:2 KJV - And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

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Matthew 17:9 KJV - And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

1 Peter 5:2 NKJV - Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

NLT - Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly--not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.

1 Peter 5:3 NKJV - nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

NLT - Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.

1 Timothy 4:12 ESV - Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Peter 5:4 NKJV - and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

1 Peter 5:5 NKJV - Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to [your] elders. Yes, all of [you] be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Message to the younger:

Titus 2:6 ESV - Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.

Titus 2:7 ESV - Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,

Titus 2:8 ESV - and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

Submit to one another:

Ephesians 5:21 KJV - Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Philippians 2:3 NKJV - [Let] nothing [be done] through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Humble yourselves:

Colossians 3:12 NLT - Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Isaiah 66:2 NLT - My hands have made both heaven and earth; they and everything in them are mine. I, the LORD, have spoken! "I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at my word.

Jeremiah writing after Judah went into captivity:

Lamentations 4:16 NKJV - The face of the LORD scattered them; He no longer regards them. [The people] do not respect the priests Nor show favor to the elders.

1 Peter 5:6 NKJV - Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

It is better to humble yourself than to have God humble you! See below:

Deuteronomy 8:2 NKJV - "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you [and] test you, to know what [was] in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

Deuteronomy 8:16 NKJV - "who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end--

2 Samuel 22:28 NKJV - You will save the humble people; But Your eyes [are] on the haughty, [that] You may bring [them] down.

2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV - "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Proverbs 11:2 NKJV - When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble [is] wisdom.

1 Peter 5:7 NKJV - casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Psalms 37:5 NLT - Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.

Psalms 55:22 NLT - Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.

Matthew 6:25 NLT - "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life--whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?"

Matthew 6:34 NLT - "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Philippians 4:6 NLT - Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Warning about who our enemy is:

1 Peter 5:8 NKJV - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:9 NKJV - Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Ephesians 6:10 NKJV - Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:11 NKJV - Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 NKJV - For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual [hosts] of wickedness in the heavenly [places].

Ephesians 6:13 NKJV - Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

How Jesus resisted - quoting scripture:

Luke 4:3 NKJV - And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

Luke 4:4 NKJV - But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.' "

Luke 4:8 NKJV - And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! **For it is written**, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

1 Peter 5:10 NKJV - But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle [you].

1 Peter 5:11 NKJV - To Him [be] the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:12 NKJV - By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

Silvanus = Silas, the same person that traveled with Paul. A well know Christian of the early church.

1 Peter 5:13 NKJV - She who is in Babylon, elect together with [you], greets you; and [so does] Mark my son.

Babylon was most likely Rome.

Mark was likely the same Mark that wrote the Gospel of Mark.

1 Peter 5:14 NKJV - Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

From William Barclay's Daily Study Bible on 1 Peter 5

He says that he has written through **Silvanus**. The Greek phrase (dia, G1223, Silouanou, G4610) means that Silvanus was his agent in writing. Silvanus is the full form of the name Silas and he is almost certainly to be identified with the Silvanus of Paul's letters and the Silas of Acts. When we gather up the references to Silas or Silvanus, we find that he was one of the pillars of the early church.

Along with Judas Barsabas, Silvanus was sent to Antioch with the epoch-making decision of the Council of Jerusalem that the doors of the Church were to be opened to the Gentiles; and in the account of that mission Silvanus and Judas are called leading men among the brethren (Act_15:22; Act_15:27). Not only did he simply bear the message, he commended it in powerful words, for Silvanus was also a prophet (Act_15:32). During the first missionary journey Mark left Paul and Barnabas and returned home from Pamphylia (Act_13:13); in preparing for the second missionary journey Paul refused to have Mark with him again; the result was that Barnabas took Mark as his companion and Paul took Silvanus (Act_15:37-40). From that time forward Silvanus was for long Paul's right-hand man. He was with Paul in Philippi, where he was arrested and imprisoned with him (Act_16:19; Act_16:25; Act_16:29). He rejoined Paul in Corinth and with him preached the gospel there (Act_18:5; 2Co_1:19). So closely was he associated with Paul that in both the letters to the Thessalonians he is joined with Paul and Timothy as the senders of the letters (1Th_1:1; 2Th_1:1). It is clear that Silvanus was a most notable man in the early church.

As we saw in the introduction, it is most probable that Silvanus was far more than merely the scribe who wrote this letter for Peter and the bearer who delivered it. One of the difficulties of First Peter is the excellence of the Greek. It is Greek with such a classical tinge that it seems impossible that Peter the Galilaeen fisherman should have written it for himself. Now Silvanus was not only a man of weight in the Church; he was also a Roman citizen (Act_16:37) and he would be much better educated than Peter was. Most probably he had a large share in the composition of this letter. We are told that in China, when a missionary wished to send a message to his people, he often wrote it in the best Chinese he could achieve, and then gave it to a Christian Chinese to correct and put into proper form; or, he might even just tell the Christian Chinese what he wished to say, leaving him to put it into literary form for his approval. That is most likely what Peter did. He either gave his letter to Silvanus to polish into excellent Greek or else he told Silvanus what he wished said and left him to say it, adding the last three verses as his personal greeting.

Silvanus was one of those men the Church can never do without. He was content to take the second place and to serve almost in the background so long as God's work was done. It was enough for him that he was Paul's assistant, even if Paul for ever overshadowed him. It was enough for him to be Peter's penman, even if it meant only a bare mention of his name at the end of the letter. For all that, it is no little thing to go down in history as the faithful henchman on whom both Peter and Paul depended. The Church always has need of people like Silvanus and many who cannot be Peters or Pauls can still assist the Peters and Pauls to do their work.