

SUNDAY MORNING (February 24th) • 1 Peter 5:1-5

The Shepherds and Sheep of the Chief Shepherd

When a New Testament writer “exhorts” (5:1) someone, what is he doing?

“So I exhort the elders among you” (5:1a). Who were these elders and what can we know about them?

What can we learn from the ways Peter describes himself in 5:1b:

- A fellow elder –
- A witness of the sufferings of Christ –
- A partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed –

When the Spirit of God encourages elders through Peter to “shepherd the flock of God that is among [them], exercising oversight” (5:2a), what is he communicating?

The shepherding efforts of elders are elaborated upon in 5:2b-3. What do these mean?

- Not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you –
- Not for shameful gain, but eagerly –
- Not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples of the flock –

“And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory” (5:4). What can we learn from this inspired statement?

Why would Peter “likewise” encourage those “who are younger, be subject to the elders” (5:a)?