1 Peter 5:10-11

10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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The Life and Ministry of the Apostle Peter

“Experience can be a hard teacher. In Peter’s case, the ups and downs of his experience were dramatic and often painful... The Lord dragged him through three years of tests and difficulties that gave him a lifetime of the kind of experiences every true leader must endure... [These] experiences—even the difficult ones—were all necessary to shape Peter into the man he needed to become.” —Dr. John MacArthur, Twelve Ordinary Men

Peter understood God’s sovereign authority.

- Peter’s calling (Matt. 4:18, Lk. 5:1-10, Jn. 1:40-42)
- Peter’s witness to Jesus’ power and authority (Matt. 14:22-33, Mk. 4:35-41, Lk. 9:28-36)
- Peter’s confession of Christ (Matt. 16:13-20)
- Peter’s witness of the resurrected Jesus (Jn. 21:1-13)
- Peter’s preaching at Pentecost (Acts 2:14-41)
- Peter’s witness of God saving Gentiles in the house of Cornelius (10:1-44)

Peter understood that his relationship to the surrounding world was that of exile.

- Every Jew understood that they were a people in exile. (Deut. 29:27-28)
- He and the rest of the believing Jews became exiles among the exiles (Acts 5:17-33, 40-42)

Peter understood that the circumstances of his life included trials and suffering.

- Some of Peter’s trials were the result of his own sin (Matt. 16:21-23; 26:40-46; Lk. 22:54-62)
- Some of Peter’s trials occurred simply because he was a Christian (Acts 5:40-42; 12:1-5)

Peter understood that he was a recipient of God’s _________ and was given by the sovereign authority of Jesus the privilege to _____________ God’s people.

John 21:15-19

- Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, graciously _______________ Peter.
- He then passed on to Peter the task of shepherding (______________) His sheep.
- The letter of First Peter is a “_______________” epistle written with the goal of feeding us in order that we might know God’s grace and stand firm in it!

“The pastor of grief and dreams
 guides his flock towards the next field
 with all his care. He has heard
 the bell tolling but the sheep
 are hungry and need the grass today and
everyday. Beautiful his patience, his long
shadow, the rippling sound of the flocks moving
along the valley.”