



Sunday 19th March 2017

“Eager to serve”

1 Pet 5:1-11

Think of a positive moment because someone exceedingly served you or others (at a store, on a call, in a restaurant, etc.). What difference did it make when someone was eager to serve?

According to 1 Peter 5:1-5, what are some crucial, defining characteristics of a community of hope?

Jesus’s followers who lead, as elder/mature shepherds to, others:

v2. Be _____ of God’s flock that is under your _____, _____ over them - not because you _____, but because you are _____, as God _____ you to be; not pursuing _____, but _____ to serve;

v3. not _____ it over those entrusted to you, but being _____ to the flock.

Jesus’s followers who follow the lead of shepherds:

v5. In the _____ way, you who are younger, _____ yourselves to your elders. All of you, _____ yourselves with _____ toward one another, because, “God opposes the _____ but shows favor to the _____.”

Common to both roles, being “clothed with humility”, is a core characteristic emphasized by the words “in the same way” and “all of you” in v5. The Greek verb “clothe” in v5 is a rare word used in the New Testament that relates to a slave’s dressing.

Discuss in what ways can we dress (or like a slave, “tie”) ourselves up in humility?

v6. _____ yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your _____ on _____ because _____ for you.

Why we can be confident and eager to serve in this way?

What are some dangers that those who serve can potentially fall into (v8)? (e.g. In what ways do pride blinds us?)

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Peter points to some incredible promises for those who follow Jesus and serve others:

v4. when the Chief _____ appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never _____ away. v10. the God of all _____, who _____ you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself _____ you and make you _____, _____ and _____.

In following or leading, what has helped you foster humility and eagerly serve the needs of others?

Actions for this week: What steps would you take to cooperate with God to enthusiastically serve others?

