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COUNTER-CULTURAL ADVANCE

## **1 PETER 5:1-5a**

**<sup>1</sup>To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder  
and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share  
in the glory to be revealed:**

## **1 PETER 5:1-5a**

<sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

## **1 PETER 5:1-5a**

**4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.**

**5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders.**

## **1 PETER 5:1-5a (The Message Paraphrase)**

**1-3 I have a special concern for you church leaders. I know what it's like to be a leader, in on Christ's sufferings as well as the coming glory. Here's my concern: that you care for God's flock with all the diligence of a shepherd.**

## **1 PETER 5:1-5a (The Message Paraphrase)**

Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously. Not bossily telling others what to do, but tenderly showing them the way.

## **1 PETER 5:1-5a (The Message Paraphrase)**

4-5 When God, who is the best shepherd of all, comes out in the open with his rule, he'll see that you've done it right and commend you lavishly. And you who are younger must follow your leaders.

# TWO TACTICS FOR ADVANCE



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**Don't make it about you.**



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## 1 PETER 5:5

<sup>5</sup> ...All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

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- control the feelings and behaviors of others.

## **1 PETER 5:6-7**

**<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.**

**Our “in Christ” identity makes way for  
less stress and more open doors.**



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# **TWO TACTICS FOR ADVANCE**

**Don't make it about you.**

**Develop a determined spirit.**

## **1 PETER 5:8-9**

**⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil  
prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone  
to devour.**



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## **1 PETER 5:8-9**

**⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.**

**Stay alert, resist the devil, and don't whine!**



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# **GOD'S FUTURE FOR EVERY EXILE**



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## **1 PETER 5:10-11**

***<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **1 PETER 2:21, 23-24**

<sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps... <sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

## **1 PETER 2:21, 23-24**

**24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross,  
so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;  
“by his wounds you have been healed.”**

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