

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 02 Mar..... 1 Peter 1:1-12..... Our Inheritance
- 2) 09 Mar..... 1 Peter 1:13-25..... Our Mandate
- 3) 16 Mar..... 1 Peter 2:1-10..... Our Identify
- 4) 23 Mar..... 1 Peter 2:11-25..... Our Witness
- 5) 30 Mar..... 1 Peter 3:1-12..... Our Relationships
- 6) 06 Apr..... 1 Peter 3:13-22..... Our Defense
- 7) 13 Apr..... 1 Peter 4:1-11..... Our Faith
- 8) 20 Apr..... Mark 15-16..... EASTER – Our Savior
- 9) 27 Apr..... 1 Peter 4:12-19..... Our Savior
- 10) 04 May..... 1 Peter 5:1-14..... Be Prepared**
- 11) 11 May..... 2 Peter 1:1-21..... Be Equipped
- 12) 18 May..... 2 Peter 2:1-22 / Jude 1-25..... Be Alert
- 13) 25 May..... 2 Peter 3:1-18..... Be Encouraged

**INTRODUCTION**

- Good churches have good leaders and good followers
- Great churches have Great leaders and Great followers
- Peter challenges the Elders (church leaders) and the rest of us (followers) to act responsibly, to humble ourselves before God and before one another, to resist the Devil, and to enduring suffering “for a little while” so we may be perfected in Christ

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| 1Peter 5:1-4 | <p><b>To Be A Great Leader – Listen to Peter</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feed the sheep – with the right doctrine</li> <li>2. Be diligent – hard working, not slothful</li> <li>3. Don't be forced into action</li> <li>4. Serve willingly</li> <li>5. Discern and follow God's will</li> <li>6. Don't do it for personal gain – but to benefit others</li> <li>7. Serve eagerly – with contagious excitement</li> <li>8. Don't be a bad manager (“lording over others”)</li> <li>9. Lead by example (do as you say do)</li> <li>10. Motivating Factor – There is a Crown of Glory</li> </ol> |
| 5:5          | <p><b>To Be a Great Follower – Humility is Key</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Willingly subject yourself to those in leadership                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• But what if the leadership is weak or bad?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. “Clothe yourself in Humility” in your....                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk – No hypocrisy, be consistently godly</li> <li>• Talk – Choose every word carefully; and</li> <li>• Thought – Think no evil</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Motivating Factor – God blesses the meek</li> </ol>       |
| 5:6-7        | <p><b>Humility Before God Provides Great Benefits</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God will eventually raise us up with honors</li> <li>2. Cast our every care His way</li> <li>3. Motivating Factor – Because He cares for us                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He's not going to forsake us</li> <li>• He will meet our every need as promised</li> <li>• He will conform us to the image of His Son</li> </ul> </li> </ol>   |
| 5:8-9        | <p><b>Satan's Powers Lie In Persuasion And Deceit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satan takes his role as a devouring lion seriously</li> <li>• Are we even on his radar screen to be attacked?</li> <li>• Peter gives us several commands to defeat Satan that he learned the hard way                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be sober – think clearly, act biblically, don't be bull-headed or act hastily or impulsively</li> <li>2. Be alert – don't take a nap in the garden</li> </ol> </li> </ul>  |
| 5:10-11      | <p><b>In The End, God Gets the Glory, and We Get Glorified</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is going to conform us to the image of Christ whether we want to be conformed or not – so we might as well buckle under and be polished</li> <li>• Suffering is part of the polishing process</li> </ul>  |

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|         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's process through suffering includes                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Perfecting us – or completing us</li> <li>2. Confirming us – make us unshakeable</li> <li>3. Strengthening us – prepare and equip us</li> <li>4. Establishing us – give us a rock solid foundation</li> </ol> </li> </ul>   |
| 5:12-14 | <p><b>Final Thoughts From The Apostle Who Would Be Crucified Upside Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silvanus/Silas – a faithful brother – who's there when you need help, a friendly voice, and encouragement                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ We need to be faithful friends, like Silas, to others</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Stand firm on God's word – the “true grace of God”</li> <li>• There are others who have you on their minds and hearts (in this case, a sister church in Rome, and Mark)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Always uplift other believers, including sister churches, in prayer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Greet one another sincerely – not hypocritically                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If you get a smile, smile back even bigger</li> <li>♦ If you get a handshake, grip back like a long-lost brother or sister</li> <li>♦ If you get a hug, hug 'em even tighter &amp; mean it</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- God made us to socialize together, so “with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves”..... Phil 2:3

**NEXT WEEK: 2Peter 1:1-21.** Peter spent 3 years with Jesus watching Him perform miracles, and he spent another 40 days with Jesus after His resurrection. Plus, Peter worked miracles himself. Yet, he said experiences are not the key to spiritual growth – So what is the key?

