



The Epistles of Peter  
1 Peter 5:5-7  
From Sermon 2.22.26

Read *1 Peter 5:5-7*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: After specially addressing Elders to open the chapter, Peter returns to exhorting the entire Church. If/when everyone does their part with a Christ-like mindset, the Church functions as God designed it: service, restoration, protection, edification, and joy. He gives the constant, comforting reminder that we are never alone, and all earthly trials are temporary. It is so very easy to derail our peace due to worldly thinking and patterns. We must proactively guard our minds.

1. Peter's point is to shape our worldview before we face trials. Read *Romans 12:1-2*. Is the "renewing of your mind" Paul writes about a one-time event or an ongoing exercise? Yes!  
Discuss and see also *Ephesians 2:1-5* & *Philippians 2:2-5*

2. What components of life affect our thinking/worldview? Parents/upbringing, past/life experiences, what we take in: media, books, movies, television, influence of friends, education, spiritual warfare.

(Note: There was/is entire church movement/philosophy that your view of your earthly father is reflected in your view of God. Thoughts?)

3. What does that truth tell us about what we are taking in (listening to, watching, hanging around)? Be very guarded. Take in more of God, worship, holiness, and the Bible. See also *Proverbs 4:23*

4. What is the mindset and thinking of the lost/worldly. Fatally tainted. They can never reach godly or beneficial conclusions or actions because their mind is self-serving. They only have worldly principles.  
See *Ephesians 4:17-18* & *Romans 1:21-23*

4a. How does the world/culture view each topic Peter brings up?

- Submission: \_\_\_\_\_
- Humility: \_\_\_\_\_
- Trust (faith): \_\_\_\_\_

5. What were the two roles of "the Hand of God" discussed on Sunday?

- Provision: protection, security, sustenance, direction
- Punishment: power, judgment, wrath, condemnation.

6. How does a lack of humility hinder the provision side of God's Hand towards us? Various Answers. Include: We circumvent God's plan for ours. It's relying on our own strength and wisdom. When we exalt ourselves, we are the most un-Christ-like.

7. Re-read verse 7. How are verses like this so very helpful for enduring this hostile world? Various Personal Answers. See also *Philippians 4:4-7*