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¹ 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: ² 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; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 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. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud
but shows favour to the humble."

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

QUESTIONS

1. Are there any similarities in Peter's situation in AD 60-65, and the ones we are facing today? Are there any lessons we can learn from it?
2. Who is an elder in a church? What are some characteristics that you would desire to see in your elder?
3. "Kenosis" is a term that was referred to in the sermon today, how would you flesh it out in life as a disciple?

