

1 Peter 5:8-14 | *Resisting the Devil*

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

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

¹² With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. Why does Peter describe the devil as a lion? What are the characteristics of the devil as found in v.8?
2. What kind of prey is most vulnerable to a lion's attack? Who do lions normally target? Do you see any similarities to the devil's strategies in attacking the church? Please share.
3. What advice does Peter give regarding resisting the devil? (vv.8-10)

4. Based on what you answered in Qn.3: prayerfully reflect on which area of your life you need to work on, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Share with the CG how they can be praying for you.

5. Read vv.10-11. How have you encountered God's grace, protection, or provision recently? Share with your CG how you sense God might be wanting to "make you strong, firm and steadfast", as you put your trust and hope in Him (v.11).