

Discussion Questions for Families and Groups

Open It!

Have you ever seen a predator on the prowl? Share your account of a bird of prey in action or house cat ready to spring on unsuspecting prey. What can we learn about the devil from these observations?

Consider It!

Why is humility essential for battle readiness (5:5-6)? How does personal arrogance put one at risk?

How does anxiety show up in your life? Would Peter have you do with your anxiety? How might the devil take advantage of an anxious person?

How might the devil "devour" people in our current cultural context? What does he use (John 8:43-44)?

How should we resist the devil (5:9; Eph 6:1-18)?

What does this passage teach us about suffering (5:9-10)?

What does God promise those who suffer (5:10)?

Describe these promises in your own words (5:10).

- He will restore you
- He will make you strong
- He will make you firm
- He will make you steadfast

Live It!

What Command do you need to obey? What will be your first step of obedience?

What Promise do you need to lean on today? What is your next step in trusting the Lord to keep His word?

Studies in First Peter

Battle Ready Believers

1 Peter 5:6-11

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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. 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.

1 Peter 5:6-11 (NIV)

Sermon Proposition

Your enemy would like to eat you for lunch. You can be Battle Ready in Five Ways.

Battle Ready Believers Are Humble

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:6 (NIV)

Battle Ready Believers Are Manage Anxiety.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

Battle Ready Believers Are Established in Faith

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.

1 Peter 5:9 (NIV)

Battle Ready Believers Are Watchful

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

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

Battle Ready Believers Are Sustained by Grace

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.

1 Peter 5:10-11 (NIV)