1 Peter 5 • How a Christian Acts

1. (v.1-4) Characteristics of the true, biblical pastor:
   a. He is not a corporate CEO but a shepherd who lives with, cares for, and feeds the flock in the course of leading them. (v.1-2)
   b. It is not simply a job to him; he serves from the heart. (v.2)
   c. Leads by personal example. (v.3)
   d. Works for rewards not guaranteed in this life but the one to come. (v.4)
   e. Overall: True, biblical pastors are more concerned about pleasing and glorifying Christ than anyone else. And they know that this is accomplished by fulfilling His command to love and shepherd the flock to His glory, not their own.

2. (v.5-7) We should allow times of suffering to bring us low before Him so we will be properly exalted when He determines we’re fit and ready.

3. (v.8-11) First comes suffering, then equipping, confirmation, strength, and ultimately spiritual perfection.

4. (v.12-14) Personal examples of standing firm.

Overall Application:

- (v.1-4) Be Faithful
- (v.5-7) Be Humble
- (v.8-11) Be Watchful