

# The Call

**1 PETER 5:1-6**





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**Decisive (James 1:5)**

**Humility (Phil 2:3-4)**

**Servant (Matthew 20:26-28)**

**Empathy (Romans 12:5)**

**Accountable (Proverbs 22:12)**

**Vision (Habakkuk 2:2)**

**Resilient (2 Corinthians 4:8-9)**

**Peter is encouraging believers to trust  
in God, conduct themselves with  
humility, and to faithfully lead in a  
Christ-like manner.**

**Humility, patience, and a servant's heart are qualities that transcend religion and can improve any community.**

**<sup>1</sup> 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: <sup>2</sup> 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;<sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.<sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.**

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**“God opposes the proud  
but shows favor to the humble.”**

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# **God's Calling on Your Life**

## **1) The Call to Shepherd**



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**fellow elder** and a witness of Christ's  
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glory to be revealed:

1 Peter 5:1



# **Peter's Pedigree**

- 1) 1 of the original 12 disciples**
- 2) 1 of 3 that present at the  
transfiguration**
- 3) Spoke at Pentecost**

**... and yet**



**If you want to have **influence**, it is important to see others just as valuable as yourself. **No one is expendable.****



**If you want to lead people, you have to  
relate to them.**

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**not because you must**, but because **you are willing**, as God wants you to be;  
**not pursuing dishonest gain**, but **eager to serve**;

1 Peter 5:2



**The heart of a shepherd isn't one filled with ambition or a vain desire for power and status. It comes from a desire to keep their "flock" from making the same mistakes they have made.**

<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But **I have prayed for you**, Simon, that **your faith may not fail**. And when you have turned back, **strengthen your brothers.**”



<sup>33</sup> But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to **prison and to death.**”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, **Peter,** before the rooster crows today, you **will deny three times** that you know Me.”

**Luke 22:31-34**

Jesus took the **biggest regret** of Peter's life and instead of **expressing disappointment** and anger, **He gave him a purpose.**

**“Feed My lambs, take care of My sheep, feed My sheep.”**



Jesus takes our **biggest mistakes and  
our biggest regrets** and asks us to keep  
others from **making the same mistakes.**

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**2) The Call of a Leader**



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1 Peter 5:2b-4

The **Chief Shepherd** has given us the  
greatest example of **high caliber**  
**leadership**. We just have to replicate it.



<sup>25</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles **lord it over them**, and their high officials **exercise authority** over them. <sup>26</sup> **Not so with you**. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you **must be your servant**, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first **must be your slave**— <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man **did not come to be served**, but **to serve**, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:25-28

**True leadership comes from a **pure heart**. Your motivation to lead has to be **bigger than yourself**.**



# **A Biblically Broken Leader**

- 1) Recognizes their faults**
- 2) Leads by example**
- 3) Sees others as more important**
- 4) Understands the source of their gifts**
- 5) Humbled by forgiveness**
- 6) Motivated by a higher calling**

**God calls** us to use, both our experiences and our mistakes, to lead from a position of **biblical brokenness**.



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**1 Peter 5:5-6**



**God desires for us to demonstrate our faith in Christ through submission.**

**Submit** to one another out of **reverence**  
**for Christ.**

**Ephesians 5:21**



**Submit** yourselves therefore to God.  
Resist the devil, and **he will flee** from  
you

**James 4:7**

**Submitting to what God asks or desires  
isn't always **easy or desirable**.**



Going a little farther, **He fell** with His face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, **if it is possible**, may this cup be taken from Me. **Yet not as I will, but as You will.**”

**Matthew 26:39**

**True submission** can only come from a  
place of **utter humility**.



...God **opposes** the proud  
but **shows favor** to the humble...

1 Peter 5:5

# Signs of Pride

**Refusal** to admit mistakes or take responsibility

A **need** to be right

**Seeking** attention or recognition

**Difficulty accepting** advice/criticism

**Constant** Comparison

**Lack of** Empathy/Compassion

Self-Reliance (**prayer as a last resort**)

**Unwilling** to serve

Desire for **Power/Control**

**Judgemental** attitude

**Insecure** in your identity



<sup>3</sup> **Do nothing** out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, **in humility value others** above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> **not looking** to your own interests but each of you **to the interests** of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4

If that is **your heart**, to shepherd and to  
humbly lead, **then God is going to use  
you mightily.**