

“God’s Powerful Work in You”

I Peter 5:10-11

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1. He knows every struggle of your life.

“And after you have suffered a little while...”(10a)

2. He has every solution for your life.

“The God of all grace...”(10)

3. He has made every sacrifice for your eternity.

- He called you to share the eternal glory of Christ.
- He will strengthen you in every possible way.

“...who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”(10b)

4. He is superior to every person and every power forever!

“To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”(11)

Application:

1. Thank the Lord for His compassion toward you. Trust in His work on your behalf.
 2. Thank Him for His grace and eternal effort for your best.
 3. Worship Him and submit to His Lordship over your life.
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Bible Study Questions/ Discussion

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1. It has been said that the number one question people have concerning God is “Why is there suffering in the world?” Would you agree? What would you say to someone who asked that question? Suffering is real. What types of suffering have you experienced recently? What does Peter say about suffering in I Peter 5:10a?

2. Discuss what we know from the Bible about suffering. Which of these promises helps you the most in your time of suffering?
 - John 16:33 –
 - James 1:2 –
 - 2 Cor. 4:17 –
 - Matt. 6:32 –
 - Rom. 8:18 –
 - I Cor. 13:12 –
 - Rom. 8:28 –
 - Jn. 16:33 –

3. Peter describes God in what way in I Peter 5:10? Review the Biblical description of God's character.
 - Eph. 3:19 –
 - Psalm 86:15 –
 - 2 Cor. 1:3 –
 - Psalm 23:1 –
 - Rom. 15:13 –

4. What do we know about God's grace? If God is ready to give us His grace, what do we receive?
 - Heb. 4:16 –
 - 2 Cor. 12:9 –
 - 2 Cor. 9:8 –
 - Eph. 2:8 –
 - John 1:17 –
 - 2 Thess. 2:16 –

5. When you go through hard times as a follower of Christ we can know the "calling of the Lord." When you see the word "call" in the New Testament, what are the different possible meanings?
 - John 3:16 –
 - Rom. 8:30 –
 - Rom. 11:29 –
 - Phil. 3:14 –

6. What is the Lord personally promising to you in times of suffering? (I Pet. 5:10) Discuss the meaning of the words—"restore," "confirm," "strengthen," "establish." (Compare Col. 2:7; Eph. 4:14; Eph. 3:17; I Thess. 3:13)

7. Read I Peter 5:11 and meditate on the exaltation of the Lord. No matter what is happening to us in this world we can have confidence in the Lord. Thank Him for His Sovereign direction in your life.
 - Psalm 148:13 –
 - Ex. 15:11 –
 - Jude 25 –
 - Rev. 4:11 –
 - Psalm 66:7 –
 - Rom. 11:36 –