



## Happily Ever After

1 Peter 5:6-14  
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- **THE BIG IDEA:** The Christian has a sure hope that God **cares** for them. There is nothing too big or too small that the Christian cannot take before the Lord. The devil is real and spiritual warfare is real. We are to **resist** him by the strength that God provides and in unity with other believers. The hope that the Christian has is certain and will be fully realized when we see our Savior face to face.

### 1 Peter 5:6-14 (NASB95)

**5** <sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. <sup>10</sup> After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>12</sup> Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! <sup>13</sup> She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with a kiss of love. <sup>15</sup> Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

### The Lord Cares for You

- + The Christian life requires **humility**.
  - o A **prideful** Christian cannot exist.
- + The Christian stands humbly under the **mighty hand** of God.
  - o "As I live," declares the Lord God, "surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you." - Ezekiel 20:33
- + There is a set time for trials and there is a set time for you to be removed from those trials.
- + God **cares** for you more than you will ever truly realize.

### The Devil Wants to Destroy You

- To be sober minded means that our minds need to be **clear**.
- To be a Christian means that we do not live a **careless** life.
- It is foolish to live as if the devil does not **exist**.
- We are either a child of God or a child of the devil.
- Satan does not **force** anyone to sin.
- "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." - James 4:7
- The gates of hell will not **prevail** against the true church and the true Gospel.
- Christianity will **outlast** any and all worldly and supernatural powers.

### This Hope Cannot Be Removed from You

- God has not abandoned you to this fallen and often chaotic world.
- The promise of God is that all will be made **right**.
- "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is." - 1 John 3:2-3
- The joy of heaven is seeing God **face to face**.
- The Christian's hope does not come from something that they can produce within themselves, the Christian's hope comes from God alone and who God has made them to be in Christ.

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"Peter warned believers to be vigilant. The roaring of the devil is the crazed anger of a defeated enemy, and if they do not fear his ferocious bark, they will never be consumed by his bite."

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