



**Joyfully trusting, following & sharing Jesus**  
Speaker: Dave Philpott – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024  
Passage: 1 Peter 5

## **Introduction**

### **Peter's purpose for writing (v12) – stand firm**

#### **Elders (v1-4)**

What does eldership look like?

Elders need to demonstrate Godly character

Is it worth it?

#### **The church (v5-14)**

Submit (v5)

Clothe yourself with humility (v5-7)

Be alert and of sober mind (v8-9)

Trust God's promise (v10-11)

"The cost of following Christ is great, for it costs you everything you are. But the reward of following Christ is greater, for you experience everything he is - both now and forever. Amen."  
(David Platt)

#### **Reflection Questions**

1. How is the leadership style of the elders an imitation of Christ, the chief Shepherd? What aspects of Jesus' ministry and teaching does this make you think of?
2. What can you do to be humble in relation to those who lead you? Other people in your family and church? God?
3. How do you think the devil might devour those who are not self-controlled and alert in the face of suffering?