

Journey of the Heart
1 Peter 5:1-11
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We need shepherds on this journey. 5:1-5

"shepherd the flock of God that is among you"

A shepherd is one who leads ...
through oversight, with passion, and by example.
"exercising oversight ... eagerly ... being examples"

There is eternal reward for those who shepherd others.
"you will receive the unfading crown of glory"

We follow through humble submission.
"be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility"

***Humility is developed as we entrust ourselves to God ... 5:6-7**

"humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God"

Allowing Him to be the one who meets our needs.
"so that at the proper time he may exalt you"

Surrendering our anxieties to Him.
"casting all your anxieties upon him"

Knowing that He cares for us.
"because he cares for you"

We have an enemy on this journey. 5:8-11

"your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion"

The enemy wants to destroy our hearts.
"seeking someone to devour"

We resist as we ...

focus on God's character.
"firm in your faith"

remember that we're not alone.
"knowing that the same kinds of things are being experienced"

hope in the redemption and reward that is coming.
"the God of all grace ... will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish"

QUOTE: "God is asking for our hearts. If you truly seek this treasure, this kingdom where God alone reigns, you will find it. Your heart, if it is totally surrendered to God, is itself that treasure, that very kingdom you long for and are seeking." Jean-Pierre deCaussade