

AGAINST THE WIND

A STUDY IN 1 PETER

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What to do in Case of Fire (Or Peter's Shiny, "Shepherding Play Card")—1 Peter 5:1-5

ESV **1 Peter 5:1** So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

1 Peter 5:1-5: The "fire safety sign" of the Christian "high rise"

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Are we facing a "fire"?¹

Peter's "Shepherding Play Card": Five Fundamental "Plays"

1. Play 1: Remind of the " _____ " reason for redemption.

ESV **1 Peter 2:24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

ESV **1 Peter 3:22** [Jesus Christ] who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

2. Play 2: Re-acquaint with the essential " _____ " character of the Christian life.

ESV **1 Peter 1:6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith-- more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

ESV **1 Peter 4:12** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

ESV **1 Peter 2:21** For to this you have been called,...

¹ The book to read is *The Benedict Option* by Rod Dreher.

3. Play 3: Re-ignite the commitment to complete _____ (and teach the “two tier” _____ protocol for realizing it).

ESV **1 Peter 1:14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

ESV **1 Peter 4:3** For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness...

ESV **2 Corinthians 7:1** Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

ESV **Colossians 3:12** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

4. Play 4: Recall God’s baptismal bestowal of a “_____” and the accompanying summons to use it.

ESV **1 Peter 4:8** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

ESV **1 Peter 2:16** Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

5. Play 5: Reiterate the critical importance of _____ (because salvation comes to fruition in the future).

ESV **1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again....

ESV **1 Peter 1:5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

ESV **1 Peter 1:8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

ESV **1 Peter 1:17** And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

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ESV **1 Peter 1:5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

My Wish for “Seitz Team 6”²

ESV **Hebrews 3:14** For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

² Dan’s closing string of passages: Hebrews 3:14; Romans 8:13; Galatians 6:8; James 1:12; Revelation 3:21; John 6:40.