

<sup>15</sup> Now when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “**Tend My lambs.**” <sup>16</sup> He said to him again, a second time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “**Shepherd My sheep.**” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” Peter was hurt because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “**Tend My sheep.**”

John 21:15-17 NASB20

Therefore, I urge elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, *and* one who is also a fellow partaker of the glory that is to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> **shepherd the flock of God among you**, exercising oversight, not under compulsion but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God; and not with greed but with eagerness; <sup>3</sup> nor yet as domineering over those assigned to your care, but by proving to be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

1 Peter 5:1-4 NASB20



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# Steering Disciples Forward

## *Acts 1*

- Peter is listed first – v. 13, Luke 6:13-16
- Peter led in appointing Judas' replacement – v. 15-26, v. 8
- Elders exercise proactive oversight and direction – 1 Peter 5:2



# Faithfulness in Trials

## *Acts 4*

- Peter boldly owned his faith in Jesus – v. 8-12
- This example inspired others to do the same – v. 29-31
- Elders help Christians stay strong in hardship – 1 Peter 4:19-5:10



# Purity in the Church

## *Acts 5*

- Peter rebuked hypocrisy, deceit, and greed – v. 1-5
- Elders must be “on guard for themselves and for all the flock” – Acts 20:28
- Elders must know the sheep – John 10:14



# Receiving New Christians

## *Acts 10*

- Peter learned all people are welcome – v. 34-35
- Elders must be hospitable – 1 Timothy 3:2,  
Titus 1:8
- Especially to the new or weak – Matthew 28:20,  
Acts 20:35





# Unity in Truth

## *Acts 15*

- Peter spoke about what God said and did – v. 6-11
- Elders lead “under God’s direction” – 1 Peter 5:2
- The goal: unity and maturity in truth – Ephesians 4:11-13







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