

# **Series: Embrace Your Trouble**

**Wednesday Night Bible  
Study**

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**Text: 1 Peter**



# 1 Peter 5

- **A final word on suffering to encourage us to embrace our troubles.**



# Church Leadership

**New Testament uses  
four words to describe  
leadership in the  
church**



# Church Leadership

- Elder...the emphasis is on authority
- Bishop...the emphasis is on the office



# Church Leadership

- Pastor...the emphasis is on responsibility
- Deacon...the emphasis is on attitude



# 1 Peter 5:1-2

**Peter is urging those who have authority to lead the church to fulfill their responsibilities to care for flock of God that has be entrusted to them.**



# Leadership

**Elders have responsibility for leadership. Their responsibility is to shepherd the particular flock entrusted to them.**



# Leadership...

**...is voluntary and not forced**

**...is from eagerness and not greed**



# Leadership...

...is exemplary and not  
oppressive

...is focused on the  
hereafter and not the  
here-and-now

# Younger Men...

...are to be subject to  
elders and clothed in  
humility and free from  
anxiety



# Younger Men...

...are to be sober in  
spirit and alert to the  
attack of the  
adversary.



# Younger Men...

...are to resist the  
devil, firm in faith



# Conclusion

**After you have  
successfully embraced  
your trouble, God will  
perfect, confirm,  
strengthen and establish  
us.**

