



## "Faithfully Fighting 'the Fight of Faith' to the Finish" (Part 2)

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### 1 Peter 5:8-9a



**6** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may lift you up in time: **7** casting all your anxiety upon Him, for He cares for you. **8** Be sober, be alert; your adversary, the Devil prowls about like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. **9** Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being accomplished by your brethren in the world. **10** And the God of all grace, the One who called you

to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, He will perfect, confirm, strengthen, [and] establish [you]. **11** To Him be the dominion for all eternity. Amen!

– 1 Peter 5:6-11, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

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The Passage is Also Found on Page 182 of the New Testament Section of the Pew Bibles

### Introduction:

Humble dependence on God's sovereign will is that which carries us through the sufferings of this life to the finish line of faith.

## I. How to Persevere Through Suffering (vv.6-11)

### A. Humble Yourself Before God (vv.6-7)

1. The Transition from verse 5 to verse 6 (from humility toward one another to humility before God)

a. Peter's quotation of Proverbs 3:34

Proverbs 3:34 (Hebrew) Though He scoffs at the scoffers, Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.

Proverbs 3:34 (Greek LXX) The Lord resists the proud; but he gives grace to the humble.

b. Comparing 1 Peter 4:5-11 to James 4:6-10 (chart)

<b>1 Peter 4:5b-11 (To the Suffering)</b>	<b>James 4:6-10 (To the Apathetic)</b>
<p>5b <b>“God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”</b></p> <p>6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may lift you up in time:</p> <p>7 casting all your anxiety upon Him, for He cares for you.</p> <p>8 Be sober, be alert; your adversary, the Devil prowls about like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being accomplished by your brethren in the world.</p> <p>10 And the God of all grace, the One who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, He will perfect, confirm, strengthen, [and] establish [you].</p> <p>11 To Him be the dominion for all eternity. Amen!</p> <p><i>N/A - relates to the apathetic</i></p> <p><i>N/A - relates to the apathetic</i></p>	<p>6b <b>“God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”</b></p> <p>10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.</p> <p><i>N/A - relates to the suffering</i></p> <p>7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.</p> <p><i>N/A - relates to the suffering</i></p> <p><i>N/A</i></p> <p>8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.</p> <p>9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom.</p>

## 2. Four Characteristics of this "Humility" (vv. 6-7):

**1) It is a Humility that Bows to God's Sovereignty (v.6); 2) It is a Humility that Looks to Eternity (v.6); 3) It is a Humility that Forsakes Worldly Anxiety (v.7); 4) It is a Humility that Rests in God's Care (v.7)**

### **B. Be Aware of your Adversary (vv.8-9)**

1. You are being hunted: Don't Run, Resist!

2. Stay firm in the faith: Guard Your Heart and Your Doctrine

### **C. Know that you Don't Suffer Alone (v.9)**

### **D. Focus on the Finish Line of Faith (vv.10-11)**