

# THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

**SERMON DATE:** 11/12/2023

**PREACHER:** Chris Martin

**TEXT:** 1 Peter 5:1-5

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## FATHOM CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **D-GROUP SERVICE PROJECT** This year we are doing Angel Tree a little bit differently, and we are asking that all gifts be returned unwrapped. We thought that this might be a great opportunity for D-Groups to get involved in and help. On December 13th and 14th (Wednesday and Thursday nights), we would love a couple D-Groups to come to the church together and wrap up the gifts. We would also like the D-Groups to bring a couple rolls of wrapping paper and tape. Please talk this over with your D-Groups and let Karena know if your group is interested and on which night. Email [karena@fathomchurch.org](mailto:karena@fathomchurch.org)
- **YEAR END GIVING** As we come to the close of the year, please prayerfully consider making a donation to Fathom. More than 20% of our church is NEW THIS YEAR, and we are aiming to raise \$40,000. Give at [fathomchurch.org/give](http://fathomchurch.org/give)
- **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** On Saturday, December 9th at 10:30am Join Fathom Women as we celebrate the Christmas season over a brunch together! Sign up at [fathomchurch.org/women](http://fathomchurch.org/women)

## QUESTIONS:

1. Have someone in the group summarize the main point/sub points that were preached from Sunday's text. Were there any big things that the Lord revealed to you as you listened and reflected?
2. **SUBMIT TO THE WORD** How have you viewed the topic of submitting to spiritual authority? Does it sit well with you to submit to elders in your church? What are some good/bad experiences you've have with submitting to spiritual leaders?
3. **RESPOND IN WORSHIP** When it comes to the qualities Pastor Chris mentioned about elders—elders are willing, humble, and examples—how do you think every Christian should be growing in those qualities? How would you gauge your own maturity in those categories?
4. **LIVE IN COMMUNITY** Being subject to the spiritual leaders of a community can be a scary thing. What do you see as the up-sides to this kind of community? How does having elders potentially help strengthen other relationships inside a church community?
5. **JOIN ON MISSION** What does submission to spiritual leadership do for your witness to the world? How do you think people would view your submission? What are some pros/cons to being submitted to elders when considering your evangelism in your spheres of influence?

