



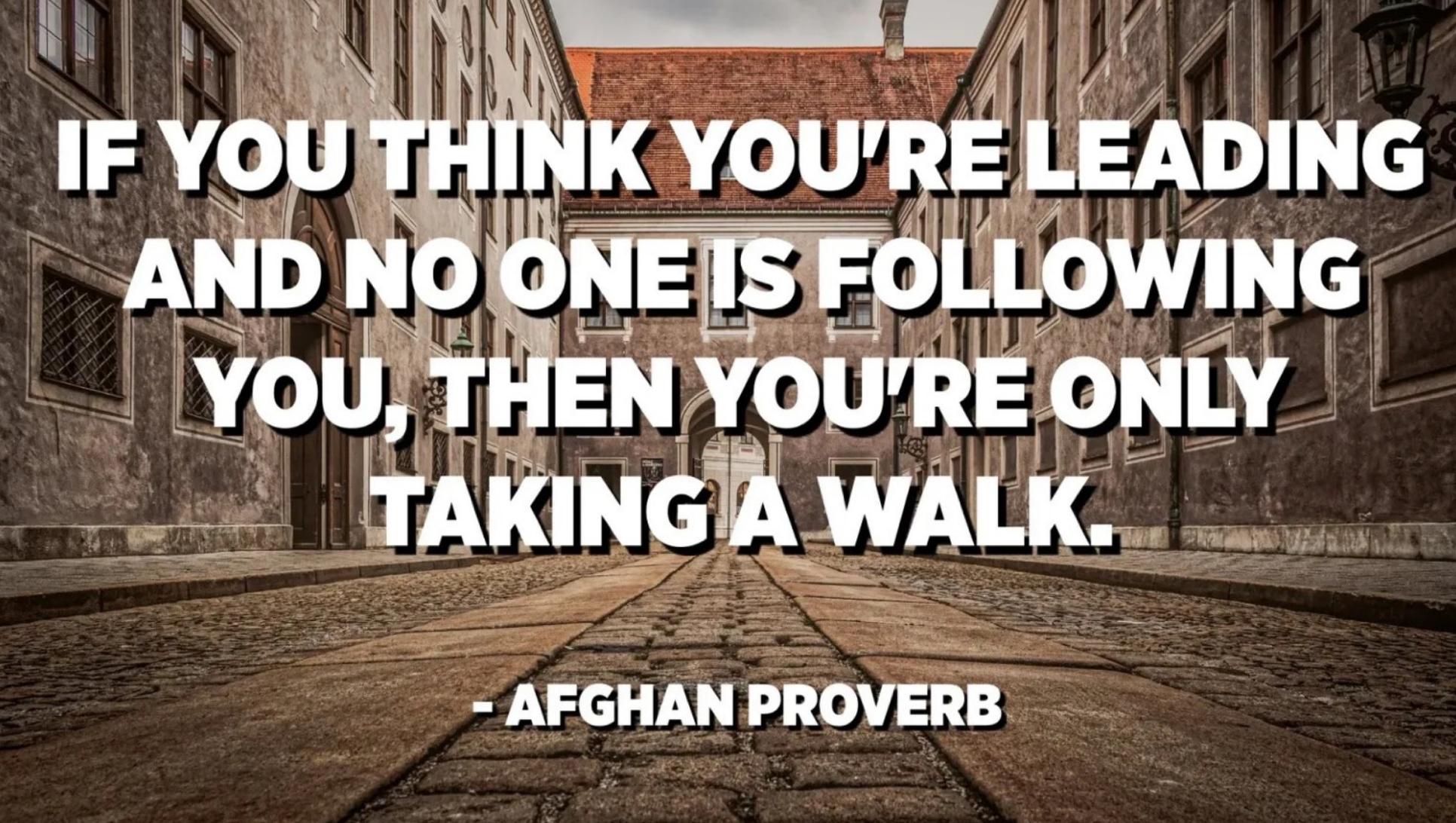
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Leading (& Following) Well

1 Peter 5:1-14



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A perspective view of a narrow, cobblestone street in a historic European town. The street is flanked by multi-story buildings with stone facades and numerous windows. The street leads towards a central archway in the distance. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

**IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LEADING
AND NO ONE IS FOLLOWING
YOU, THEN YOU'RE ONLY
TAKING A WALK.**

- AFGHAN PROVERB

“Leadership is influence,
nothing more,
nothing less.”

-John C. Maxwell

How can we lead (and follow) well?

1 Peter 5:1-14





1. Follow The
True Shepherd.

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1 Peter 5:1-5a

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:

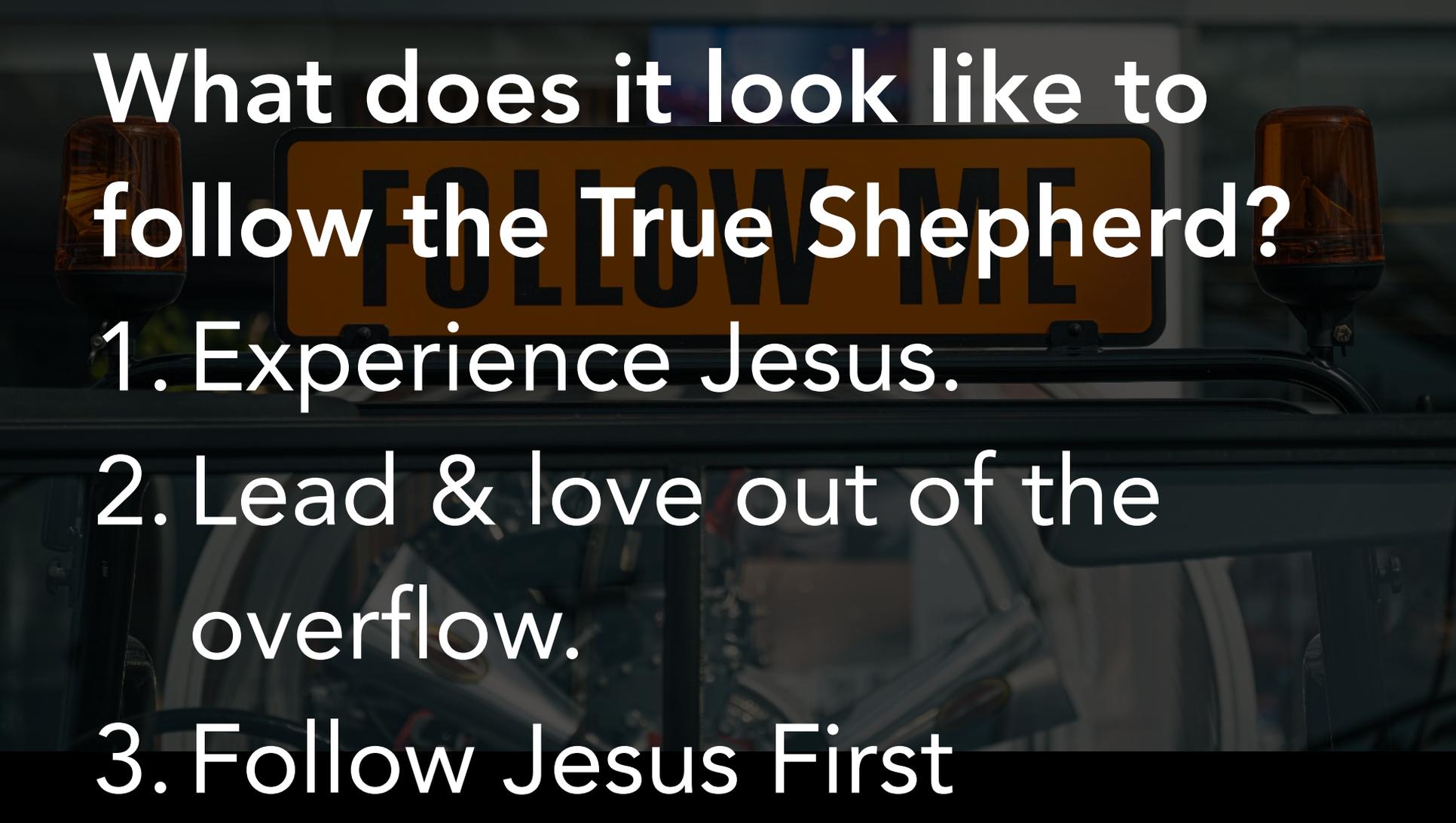
shepherd the flock of God
that is among you,
exercising oversight, not
under compulsion, but
willingly,

as God would have
you; not for shameful gain,
but eagerly;

not domineering over
those in your charge,
but being examples to the
flock.

And when the chief
Shepherd appears, you will
receive the unfading crown
of glory.

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders.



What does it look like to
follow the True Shepherd?

1. Experience Jesus.

2. Lead & love out of the
overflow.

3. Follow Jesus First



2. Insist on Humility.

1 Peter 5:5b-7

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another,

for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Humble yourselves,
therefore, under the
mighty hand of God so
that at the proper time he
may exalt you,

casting all your anxieties
on him, because he cares
for you.

True humility is not thinking less
of yourself, it's thinking of
yourself less.

-C.S. Lewis

1. What does humility look like?
2. How can I grow in humility?

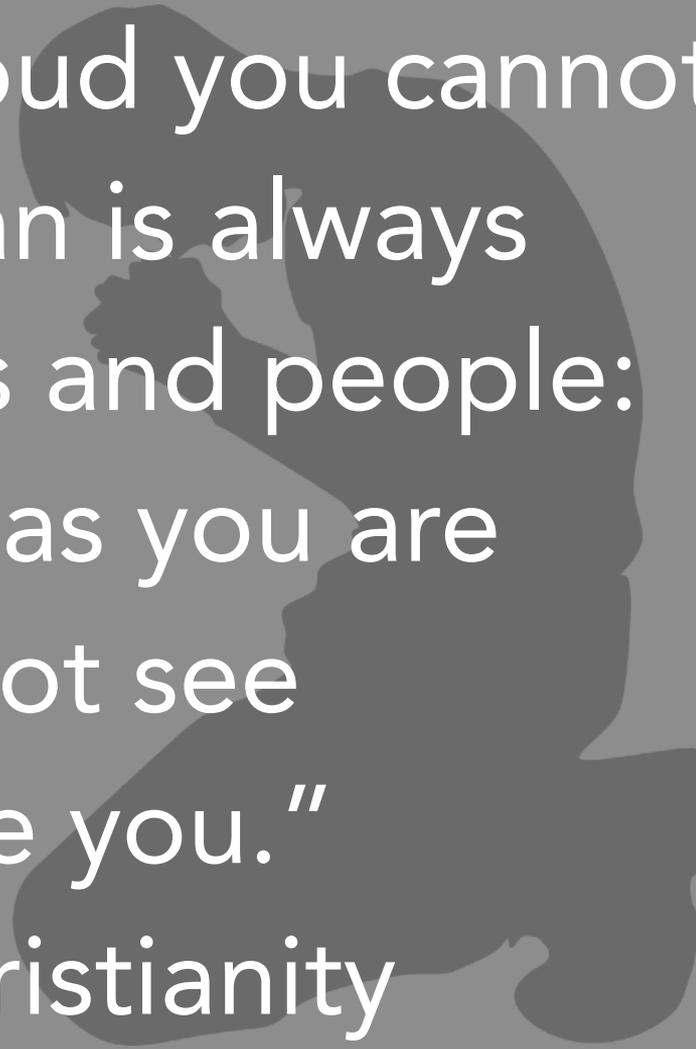


How can I grow in humility?

1. Love God.
2. Love and Serve others.
3. Don't worry.

“As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you.”

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*





3. Recognize Spiritual Realities.

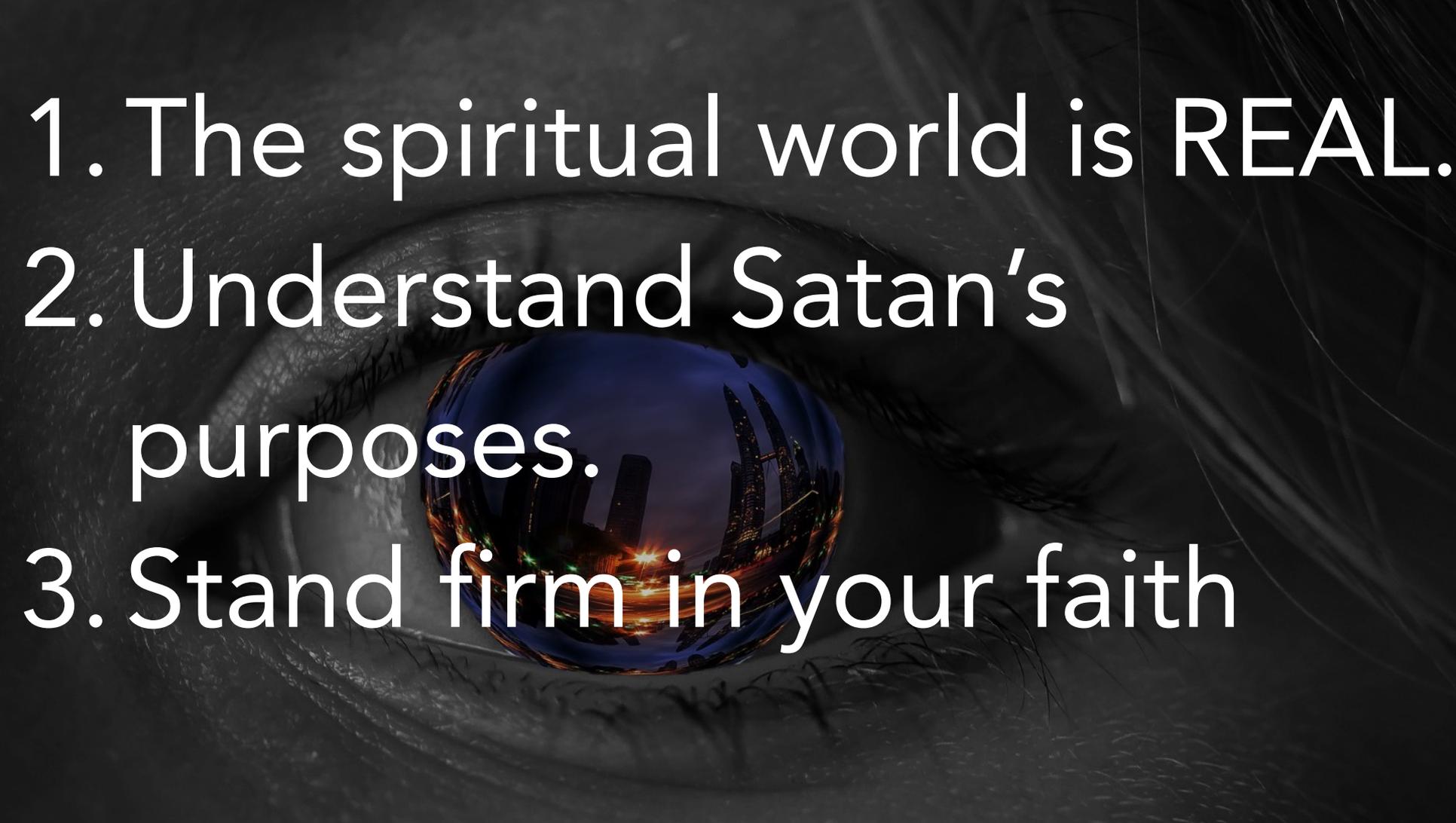
1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around

like a roaring lion, seeking
someone to devour.

Resist him, firm in your
faith,

knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

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- A close-up of a human eye, looking directly at the viewer. The iris is a deep blue color and contains a clear reflection of a city skyline at night, with several tall buildings and a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, creating a lens flare effect. The eye is surrounded by dark, textured skin and eyelashes.
1. The spiritual world is REAL.
 2. Understand Satan's purposes.
 3. Stand firm in your faith

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

-Peter (John 6:68)



4. Seize the Future Promise.

1 Peter 5:10-11

And after you have
suffered a little while, the
God of all grace,
God of all grace,

who has called you to
his eternal glory in Christ,
will himself restore,
confirm, strengthen, and
establish you.

To him be the dominion
forever and ever. Amen.

For I consider that the sufferings
of this present time are not
worth comparing with the glory
that is to be revealed to us.

-Paul (Romans 8:18)



5. Tackle Life as a Team.

1 Peter 5:12-14

By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you,

exhorting and declaring
that this is the true grace of
God. Stand firm in it.

She who is at Babylon, who
is likewise chosen, sends
you greetings, and so
does Mark, my son.

Greet one another with the
kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are
in Christ.

Doing life
face-to-face,
shoulder-to-
shoulder,
back-to-back.

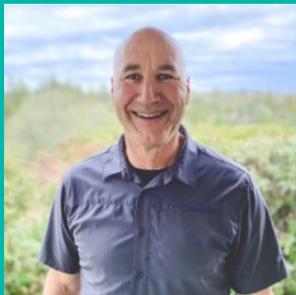
OUR PURPOSE





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EACH OTHER!

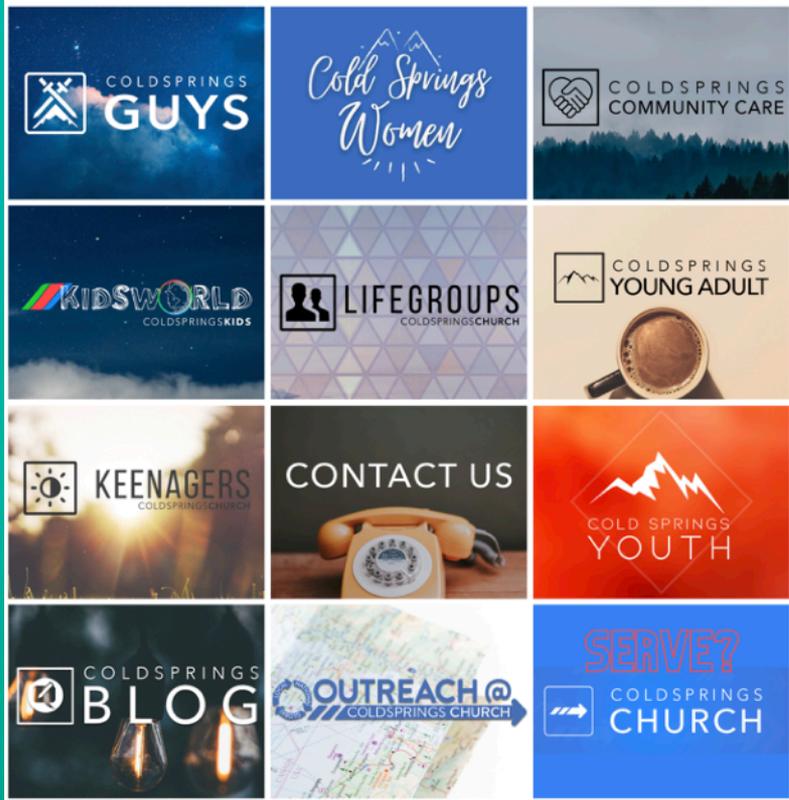


OUR TEAM



Connect

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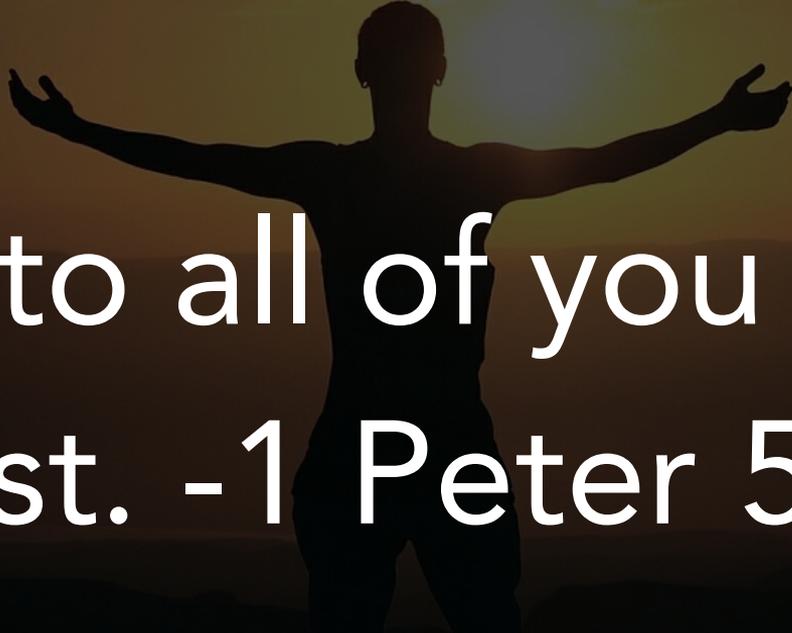


Closing Questions

1. What does it look like for you these days to lead well? To follow well?
2. In light of the reality of the spiritual battle, what does it look like for your to 'stand firm'?
3. What is your next step toward 'tackling life as a team'?

Grace and peace be yours
in abundance. -1 Peter 1:2

Peace to all of you who are
in Christ. -1 Peter 5:14

A silhouette of a person standing with their arms outstretched horizontally, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of dark and light tones, with the sun's glow visible behind the person's arms.



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