

# **Peter's Charge to Pastors**

## ***Holiness Amidst Suffering: An Exposition of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter***

### **1 Peter 5:1-4 – Message 22**

**Central Idea:** In the midst of a suffering church, Peter charges the elders to exercise their pastoral roles appropriately according to the will of God.

#### **I. The Basis of the Charge (5:1).**

1. On the basis of his co-leadership.
2. On the basis of his apostolic witness.
3. On the basis of his share in future glory.

#### **II. The Content of the Charge (5:2-3).**

1. The Elder is to Feed God's people.
2. The Elder is to Lead God's people.
  - a. Not out of obligation but willingly.
  - b. Not fueled by greed but zeal.
  - c. Not as a tyrant but as a type.

#### **III. The Motivation of the Charge (5:4).**

1. An audience with the Chief Shepherd.
2. A reward of eternal victory.

### **Scripture of the Week:**

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

† Acts 20:28 †