

May 4

1 Peter 1:1-12 Our Inheritance - **Living Hope**
1 Peter 1:13-25 Our Mandate - **Be Holy**
1 Peter 2:1-10 Our Cornerstone - **Chosen People**
1 Peter 2:11-25 Our Witness - **Living as Strangers**
1 Peter 3:1-12 Wives, Husbands, ALL - **LOVE**
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1 Peter 4:1-11 Our Faith - **Equipped to Live**
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2 Peter 1 Be Equipped - Being Useful
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2 Peter 3 Be Encouraged - With

St. Peter with Keys to Heaven
by Peter Paul Rubens, 1616

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves therefore under

Mighty Hand of God

that he may exalt you in due time
casting all your care upon him

for He **careth** for you

1 Peter 5

1-4 Responsible Shepherds – **As Examples**

5-7 Trusting Sheep – **Humble before God**

8-11 Need for Alertness – **Satan a Roaring Lion**

11-14 Through Silvanus from Babylon—**Love**

Peter never expects them to be LIKE HIMSELF

Very few are truly called into full-time ministry

He is TRYING to prepare them for the Roaring Lion

He is saying, in so many words, it **“WILL BE OKAY”**

even that “A Country Boy **Can** Survive”

"A Country Boy Can Survive"

written & recorded by American musician Hank Williams Jr.



released as a single in January 1982

Made #2 on the *Billboard* Hot Country Singles

Considered one of Williams' signature songs though it never reached #1

Peter is writing to Christians in TROUBLED TIMES

The preacher man says it's the End of Time

And the Mississippi River, she's a going dry

The interest is up and the stock markets down

And you only get MUGGED if you go downtown



Key Verse 1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves therefore under
the Mighty Hand of God, that
he may exalt you in due time:
casting all your care upon him,
for He *careth* for you






Alternate Title

**Resisting the Devil,
Clothe Yourself in
Humility**

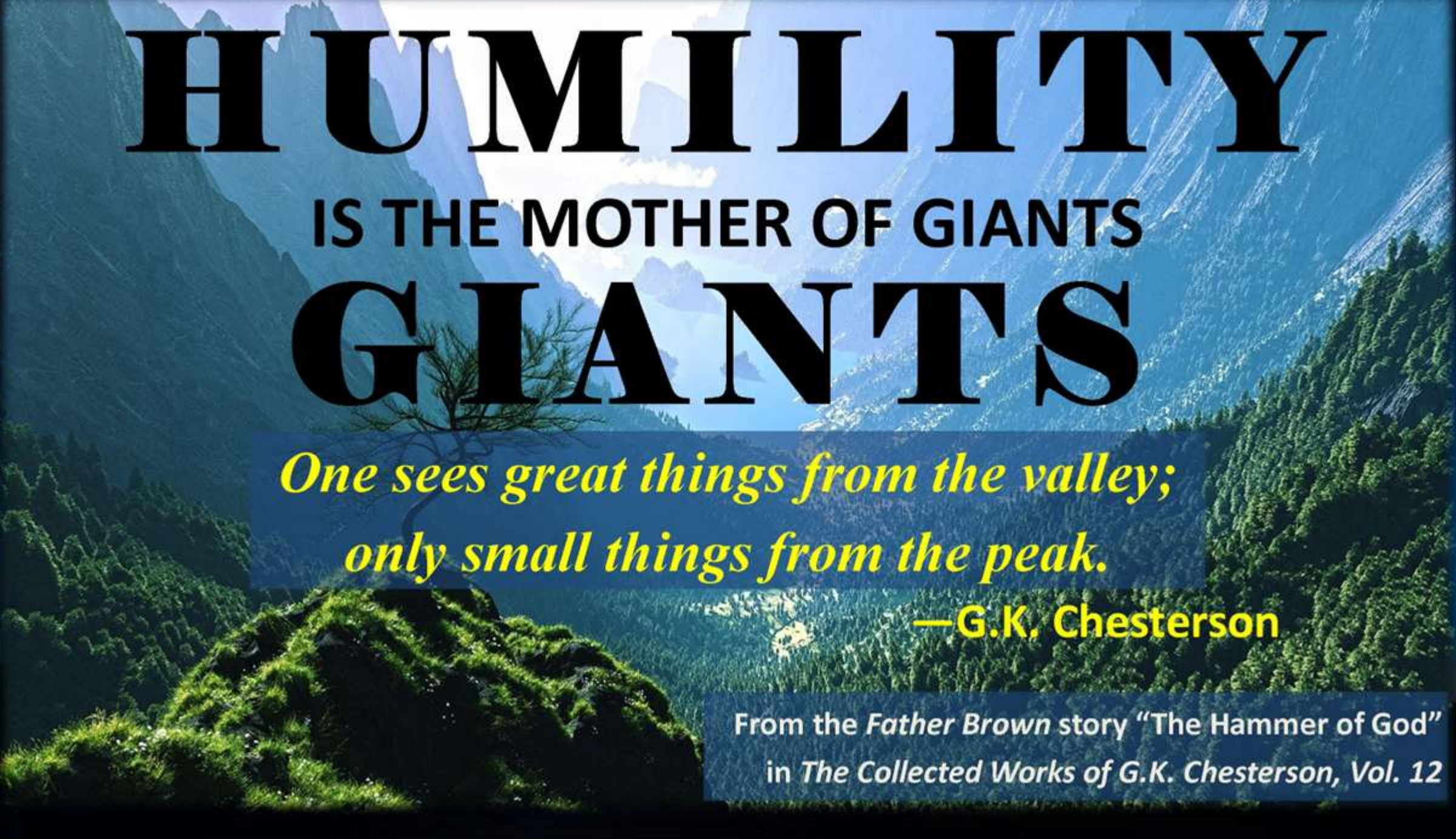
PRIDE IS
CONCERNED WITH
WHO IS RIGHT

HUMILITY
IS CONCERNED WITH
WHAT IS RIGHT

– EZRA T. BENSON –



"All streams flow
to the *Ocean*
because it is Lower
than they are.
Humility
gives the Ocean its
Power."



HUMILITY

IS THE MOTHER OF GIANTS

GIANTS

*One sees great things from the valley;
only small things from the peak.*

—G.K. Chesterson

From the *Father Brown* story "The Hammer of God"
in *The Collected Works of G.K. Chesterson*, Vol. 12



Humility
is not thinking less of
YOURSELF,
But thinking of
yourself
LESS.

C.S. Lewis



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1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, as a fellow ELDER and witness ...

**Before proceeding with 5:1-11, I would like to look briefly at
Peter's salutation in 5:12-13**

**¹² I WROTE you this brief LETTER *through* Silvanus [or Silas],
I know him to be a faithful brother, to ENCOURAGE you and to
testify that this is the true grace of God.**

Take your stand in it!

**¹³ The church in Babylon, also chosen, sends you greetings, as does
Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love.**

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

**Silas is short for Silvanus, which is Latin for "of the forest"
many believe Silas is the nickname**

Acts 15:22-32, Silas & Barsabbas chosen at the first Church Council to go with Paul & Barnabas to Antioch

Acts 16:19-40, Paul and Silas in Philippi meet Lydia, a dealer of purple cloth.

They ALSO meet female slave, “**spirit by which she predicted the future**,” earning Big Buck for owners

Several days, she told how Paul & Silas were from God.

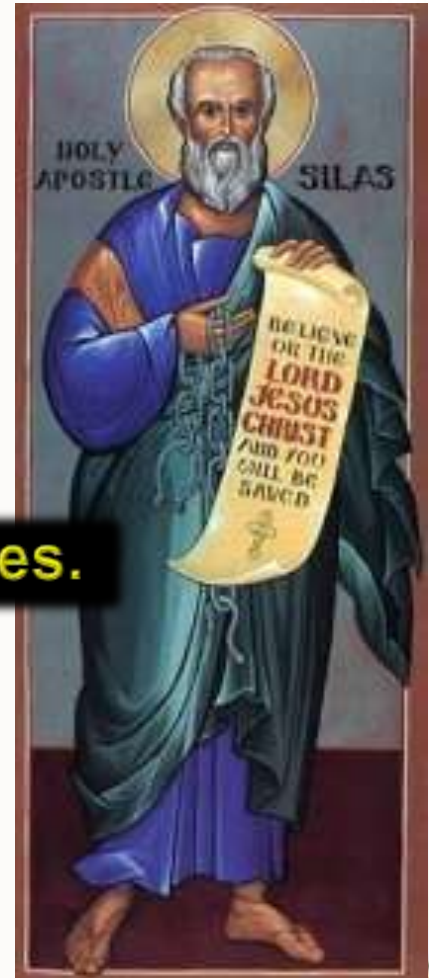
Paul healed her, casting out the “**SPIRIT**.”

Paul & Silas were **BEATEN and arrested**. **Earthquake frees.**

Fairly certain that Silvanus/Silas helped Peter write his first LETTER, 1 Peter chapters 1-5

NOT a mere secretary,

Silas is an influential leader of Good Standing

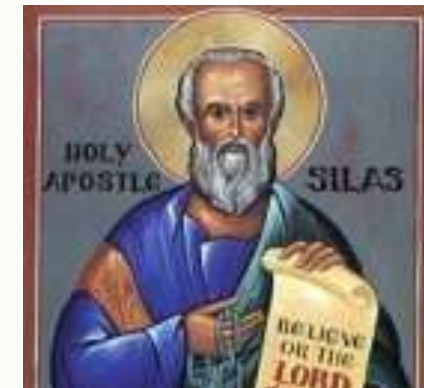


Peter 5:12-14 Through Silvanus from Babylon—Love

Apparently, Silas is the one that takes the letter,
1 Peter, from Rome to Asia Minor and Galatia ...

journey of 1,000 miles

Also very apparent, as we've pointed out a LOT
went on during the last 30 years NOT recorded



**1 Peter 5:12 I have written you this brief letter through Silvanus [Silas]
I know him to be a faithful brother, to encourage you and to
testify that this is the TRUE grace of God. Take your stand in it!**

Silvanus, nicknamed Silas, was also a traveler with Apostle Paul

And a traveler with Timothy in Acts

And notice, Peter repeating,

“true grace of God. Take your stand in it!”

Take your STAND ...

Stand Your Ground

Notice also in Peter's closing the "Church in Babylon"

1 Peter 5:13 The church in Babylon, also chosen, sends you greetings,
as does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love.
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Church in Babylon – First Church of Rome



Church in Babylon – First Church of Rome



- ✓ Easier to transport from Church to the Coliseum
- ✓ Remains of Christians TORN for “Standing Firm”

Address: 105 W. Coliseum Way



Church in Babylon – First Church of Rome

**Like Ancient
BABYLON**

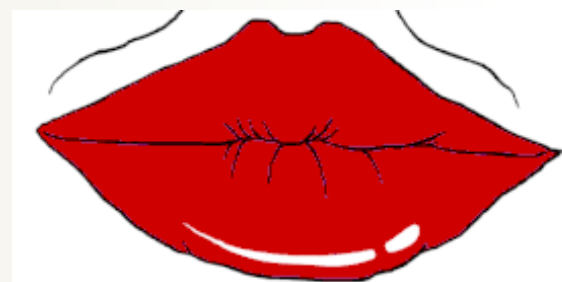
- ✓ **Commercial King**
- ✓ **Bloodlust**
- ✓ **Absolute Rule**
- ✓ **Excesses of
every kind**
- ✓ **God's Own Hated
& Taken Captive**

Too MANY Today too



¹³ The church in Babylon ... greetings, as does Mark, my son.
Notice also in Peter's in closing with a "Kiss of Love"

¹⁴ Greet one another with a Kiss of Love.
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.



The what? ... *Kiss of Love* ... ???

Another example where an imperative
is smoothed or interpreted by culture

Be careful with your KISSES in Church

And CAREFUL with your KISSES everywhere ...

Forget Arabia & France, MEN ought NOT to Kiss MEN!

Can we say it is enough to *greet* one another in LOVE

Hugs are nearly the same - LOVE includes a RESPECT of SPACE

Peter knows the need for affection
and LOVE in the church ...

“A Country Boy Can Survive”
by musician Hank Williams Jr.



I live back in the woods, you see

**My woman and the kids and the dogs and me
I got a shotgun and a rifle and a four-wheel drive
And a Country Boy can survive,
Country Folks can survive**



1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, as a **FELLOW** elder and witness to the sufferings of the Messiah and also a participant in the **GLORY** about to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you

Peter is a **FELLOW** elder too

Worthy to note that Paul, in Acts 20:17-38, calls for the “**Elders**” in Ephesus—in *Asia Minor*—to come to him at Miletus

Clearly, Paul calls the **Elders** BOTH **Overseers** and **Shepherds** interchangeably

In A.D. 60, these were “functions,” not so much “offices”



1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, as a **FELLOW** elder and witness to the sufferings of the Messiah and also a participant in the **GLORY** about to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you:

Peter is a **FELLOW** Elder, ***BEING HUMBLE***

Throughout 1 Peter, which you've read through a few times, Peter is **BEING** to them

THE EXAMPLE

of what he is **EXHORTING** them to do

Someone said of Christianity:

“Christianity, if it means anything,
means sixteen ounces to the pound,
three feet to the yard,
a just weight and a just measure”



Peter is THE EXAMPLE of what
he is asking them to do . . .

He never asked anyone to do what he would not

I can plow a field all day long,

I can catch catfish from dusk 'til dawn ...

Ain't too many things these boys can't do

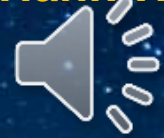
We grow good old tomatoes and homemade wine

And a Country Boy can survive,

Country Folks can survive

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Anonymous author also said of Christianity:

“It means honesty in all dealings, purity in all conversation, a charity as broad as the race, unflinching *integrity*, *sympathy*, *humanity* to man, *loyalty* to God. With these there can be NO compromise!”

Integrity, Sympathy, Humanity, Loyalty
NOT being “**sold to**” or “**bought**” by the highest bidder



Reminds of a cartoon I came across

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SOMEONE
STOLE OUR
INTEGRITY.

Notice
INTEGRITY
missing in their
MOTTO

often, too,
when integrity is
MISSING
Everyone SEES

1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, as a FELLOW elder and witness to the sufferings of the Messiah and also a participant in the GLORY about to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you

Ahhhh ... in the light of what follows

In the light of the heart of our lesson today ...

I think I see why Peter REMINDED them

Of their Pagan life before becoming a Christian

Of our last lesson, that they should NOT be

Murderers and Thieves,

comparing the worst with the sublime

Peter takes the LONG GENTLE ROAD to say they

Should NOT Lord it over the Household of Faith



1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, as a **FELLOW** elder and witness to the sufferings of the Messiah and also a participant in the **GLORY** about to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you

Let's not jump ahead too fast ...

Peter also **ADDS** another important credential, one they also share

Peter proudly admits he is a **WITNESS**, which is the English translation for the Greek word "**Martyr**"

A **Martyr** is a **WITNESS** ...

Peter is taking the **LONG** gentle road to tell them

They should **NOT** Lord it over ... they **SHOULD** be **KINDHEARTED**

Aaahh, whoever he writes to in 2 Peter, he is NOT as nice

- But notice "**GLORY to be revealed**"



Peter also ADDS another important credential ...

Peter and they are participants of the

GLORY *about* to be revealed



1 Peter 5:2-3 **Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but freely, according to God's will; NOT out of GREED for MONEY but eagerly; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, But being EXAMPLES to the flock.**

Somehow, among all the sublime things Peter says, from his heart to their hearts ... this stands out ...

I suspect, along with "Love each other" and "Living Hope" this was the heart of the PRACTICAL things

The sum of what **HUMBLE** really is ...

All the PAID commentators and professors, of course say:

NOT mean a pastor or professor shouldn't get paid!

greed for money is in KJV ***filthy lucre*** & in NIV ***dishonest gain***

1 Peter 5:2-3 **Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but freely, according to God's will;
NOT out of GREED for MONEY but eagerly;
³not lording it over those entrusted to you,
But being EXAMPLES to the flock.**

Even the translators got paid too.

The context and language allow for the NIV's *dishonest gain*.

Here is the Maness Loose-Leaf Version:

**Don't require a TIP *BEFORE* you PRAY for someone!
or**

Don't demand payment *BEFORE* you hug the BEREAVED!

Doesn't that FIT well and smooth with

“NOT LORDING IT OVER”?

Peter is determined, sure, certain,
even convicted, resolute

“A Country Boy Can Survive”
by musician Hank Williams Jr.

Because you can't stomp us out
and you can't make us run
'Cause we're them ol' `boys raised on shotguns
We say grace and we say ma'am
And if you ain't into that,
we don't give a damn



Remember in Acts 3 when Peter and John were walking through the Temple and saw the lame man ...

Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee:
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

That was about 30 years ago.

Now Peter is in ROME ... and Rome has a VISE GRIP on its empire.

In ROME, ohhh, *in ROME*, you can see

those “**LORDING IT OVER**”

OVER EVERYONE

Rome

We know a LOT
about Rome

Great source of
OUR gov today

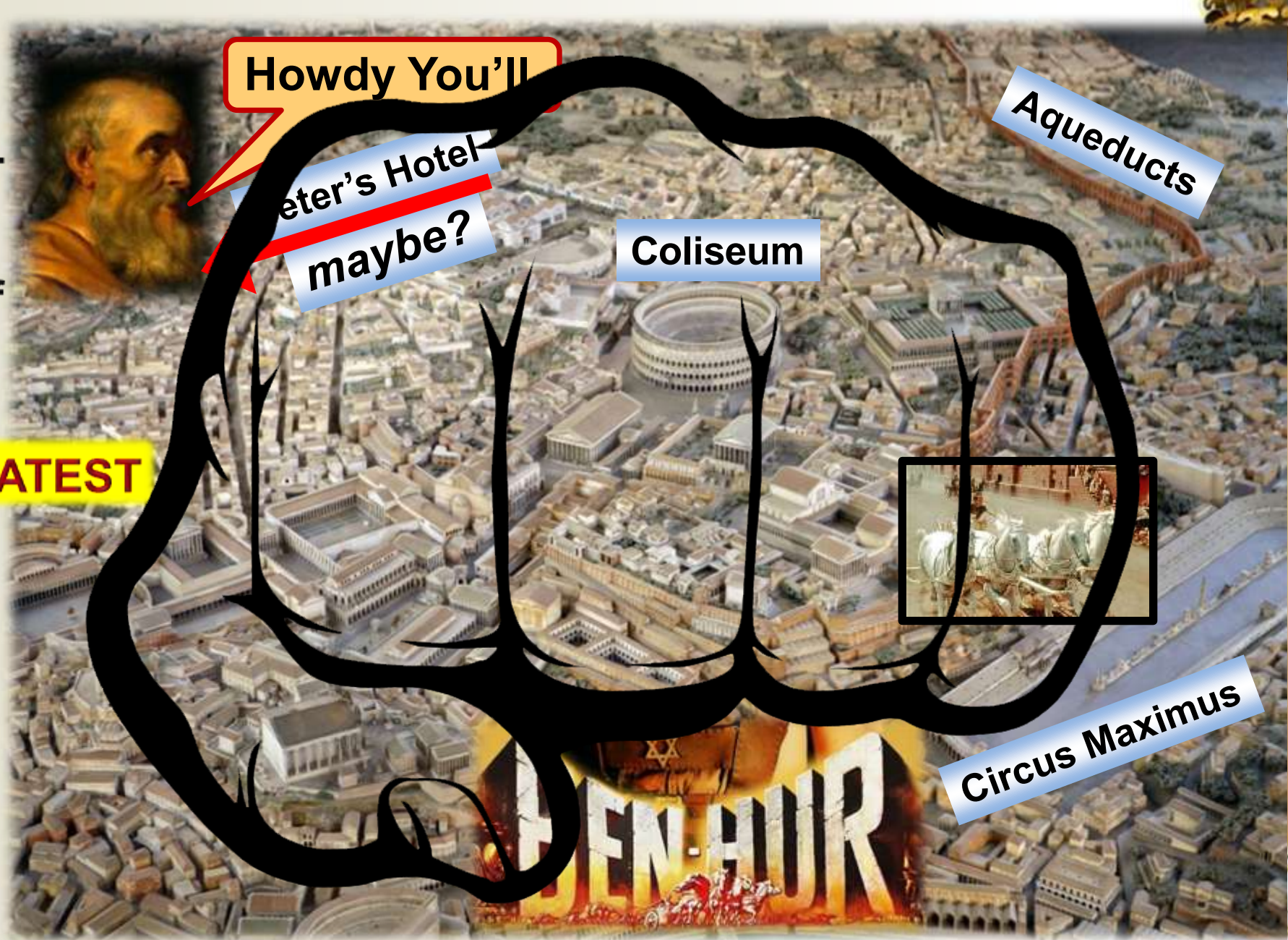
Peter writes

from the **GREATEST**
city on earth

ROME—master
of the world

LORDING over
ALL with an

Iron Fist



Howdy You'll

Peter's Hotel
maybe?

Coliseum

Aqueducts

Circus Maximus

IRON-HOR

Peter reflects from his
fisherman roots

"A Country Boy Can Survive"
by musician Hank Williams Jr.

**We came from the West Virginia coal mines
And the Rocky Mountains and the Western skies
And we can skin a buck,
we can run a trout line
And a Country Boy can survive,
Country Folks can survive**



Peter, gently, kindly ... after 4 sublime chapters ... urges them

1 Peter 5:3 **not lording it over those entrusted to you,
But being EXAMPLES to the flock.**

Did you see the END of verse 3?

Being **EXAMPLES** to the flock. I suspect they *knew* that.

Yet, I also suspect they **NEEDED** to be told **NOT to LORD it OVER**
Peter, so cool,

Peter used words they know well & words they **DESPISE**

Who likes to be “**Lorded OVER**”? – **no one, not a single one**

So rather than say, “**Be Kind,**” which can be dismissed easily

Peter kindly said, “**not for dishonest gain ... NOT Lording over.**”

And PETER is the **EXAMPLE** of Kindness & “**NOT Lording**”

1 Peter 5:4 **And when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.**

**Recall John 10,
Jesus is the Good Shepherd
42 splendid verses with a parable
explained by Christ Himself**

**² But he that entereth in by the
door is the shepherd of the sheep.**

**³ the sheep hear his voice ...
He calleth each by name....**

**⁶ This parable spake Jesus ...
but they *understood not*....**



**1 Peter 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.**

John 10

**7 Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say
unto you,
I AM THE DOOR of the sheep.....**

**11 I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD:
the good shepherd giveth
his life for the sheep.**

**14 I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND
KNOW MY SHEEP....**



**1 Peter 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.**

INTERPRETS with a push?

What did Peter just say?

1 Peter 5:2 Shepherd God's flock ...

- ✓ **Not overseeing out of compulsion ...**
- ✓ **Not for dishonest gain but eagerly ...**
- ✓ **³Not lording it over ...**
- ✓ **Being examples to the flock.**

**Then: "When the Chief Shepherd
APPEARS ...**



1 Peter 5:4 **And when the Chief Shepherd *APPEARS*,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.**

Peter is going to GREAT and KIND and
Gentle lengths to say this:

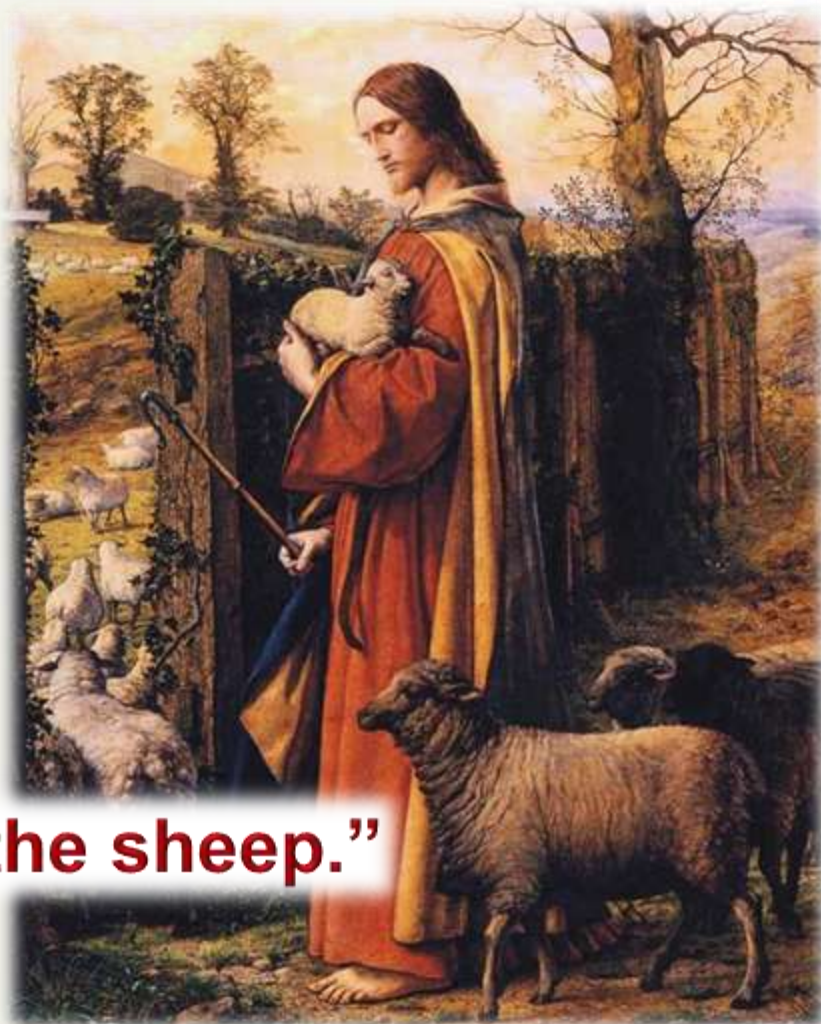
Be Like the

Chief Shepherd

Then Peter will explain more, before
closing his sublime book

1 Peter 2:25, Peter said Jesus was
“Shepherd & Guardian of your souls”

Heb. 13:20 says, **“Great Shepherd of the sheep.”**



1 Peter 5:4 **And when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.**

Peter CANNOT escape the MANY times
Jesus used the term “**Shepherd**”

In John 21, Jesus, on the shore, told
them to cast nets on the right side

HAUL of fish was too large ...

After eating, Jesus asked Peter
THREE TIMES if Peter loved Him.

Jesus said, “**Feed My Sheep.**”

That's the job of a **Good Shepherd!**

Peter's **DOING** that in writing to
them in A.D. 63 and to us today!



**1 Peter 5:4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.**

**Be like the Chief Good “Shepherd”
Of all things, LOVE ... yet that is broad
SHEPHERD to sheep ... means KIND**

- ✓ **Shepherd ... means Gentle**
- ✓ **Shepherd ... means Soft**
- ✓ **Shepherd ... means HOLDING**
- ✓ **Shepherd ... means Nurture**
- ✓ **Shepherd ... means Protective**
- ✓ **Shepherd ... means COMFORT**



Peter is writing to GOOD FRIENDS

“A Country Boy Can Survive”
by musician Hank Williams Jr.

I had a good friend in New York City

He never called me by my name just Hillbilly

My Grandpa taught me how to live off the land

And his taught him to be a businessman



1 Peter 5:5 In the same way, you younger men, be subject to the elders.
And all of you clothe yourselves with **HUMILITY**
toward one another, because God resists the proud,
but gives grace to the HUMBLE.

**God resists the proud
but gives grace to the *HUMBLE***

Exact quote of Prov 3:34 from the LXX, the Septuagint, Greek O.T.
SEE how James 4:6-7 compares

⁶ God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the HUMBLE
⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Peter cannot be clearer—Clothe yourself with *HUMILITY*

1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness – Satan a Roaring Lion

⁸ Be serious! Be alert! Your adversary the *DEVIL* prowls around like a *ROARING LION*, looking for anyone he can devour.

⁹ Resist him & be firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

Devil, Greek *diabolos*, from Slanderer, equivalent to Hebrew Satan
Job 1, Satan negotiates with God over Job—HUMBLE Yourself
Eph. 6:10-18, put on the Armour of God to stand against the Devil,
the only offensive weapon is the Sword of the Spirit, Word of God.

In all these FIERY Trials, KNOW you are NOT ALONE ...

Many others are going through the same TORMENTS

Satan Prowls like a Roaring Lion – hungry!

1 Peter 5:8-11 Need for Alertness – Satan a Roaring Lion

Notice the LION ...
as a matter of course ...
as you might expect ...
facing a LION ...
You & Sheep are

Generally speaking
as commonly supposed
You & a Sheep
a HUNGRY LION ...
about the SAME



The point is that
once caught ... in the jaws
you are lunch meat
a Carnivore Crunchie

That is, you and sheep same ... to a LION
Except ... YOU are easier to eat ...
No FUR BALLS with YOU!



I mean, LOOK
at that fuzz!



No CAT likes
FUR BALLS

Like a Kit-Kat, you're

a Carnivore Crunchie



Peter KNOWS their pain as a
victim of violence himself

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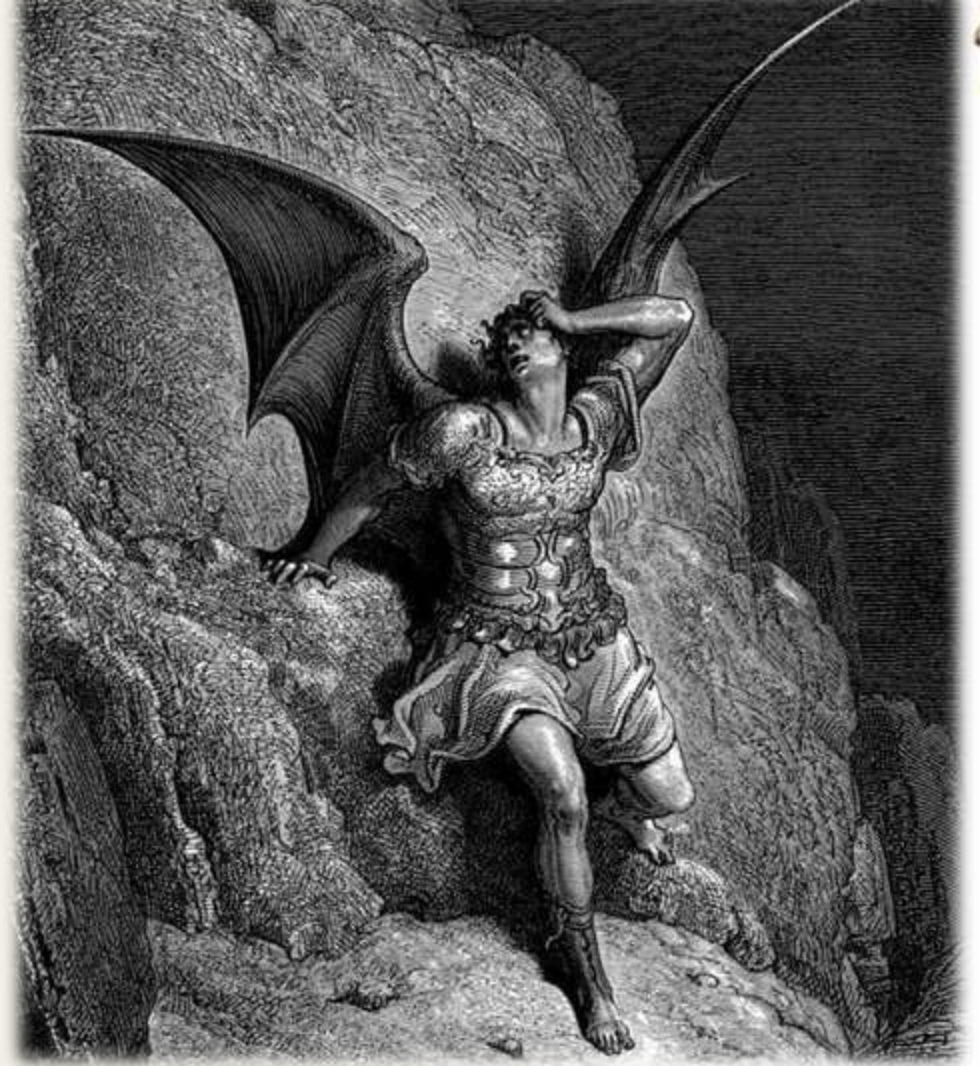
He used to send me pictures
of the Broadway Nights
And I would send him some homemade wine
But he was killed by a man with a switchblade knife
For forty-three dollars, my friend lost his life
I'd love to spit some Beechnut in that dude's eyes
And shoot him with my ol' forty-five
'Cause a Country Boy can survive,
Country Folks *can* survive



Same with the Devil ... Satan ...
no defense OUTSIDE of Christ
none OUTSIDE the Hand of God
Oh, Satan is NOT the King of Hell
Nor is Satan in total control of

***anything* ...**

Satan DOES know what Hell is for!
Satan DOES know his ***destiny***



Satan in John Milton's *Paradise Lost*
c. 1866, by Gustave Doré

Yet, if you **HUMBLE** yourself under the hand of God

Michael
& I got
here early
We're still
toasting

Sergio

Lionel

Charles

Rick &
Karen

Betty

Bob &
Barbara

Dale

Ann

John

Richard
& Sue

Pray you find a song
when the **LIONS** come

Our Living Hope

1 Peter took us on a stupendously sublime journey ...

- 1:1-12 **Living Hope** cause of resurrection, free will, honor to **Christ as FACT**, just the FACT—will YOU sing in the arena
- 1:13-25 **Be Holy** – 9-11 – strength of the church is the Christian
- 2:1-10 Building Our Faith – Craving Milk & **THE Cornerstone**
- 2:11-25 Living as Strangers – in Mayberry & John Bunyan's
1678 masterpiece
Pilgrim's Progress



8:46 to 10:03 – 1.5 hrs that
SHOOK our World



Our Living Hope



4:1-11

4:12-19

Love One Another—Submit & Peter the Burger King,
and the **Husband as SOUL Provider!**

Christ to Hades & Back for YOU!—Spiritual Realm,
Ghost Busting ... **and Christ above ALL**

End is NEAR—Don't Monkey Around—**Pray, Love, Serve**

Share Christ's Sufferings—**Trust Your Creator**



Peter closes

1 Peter 5:10 Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will

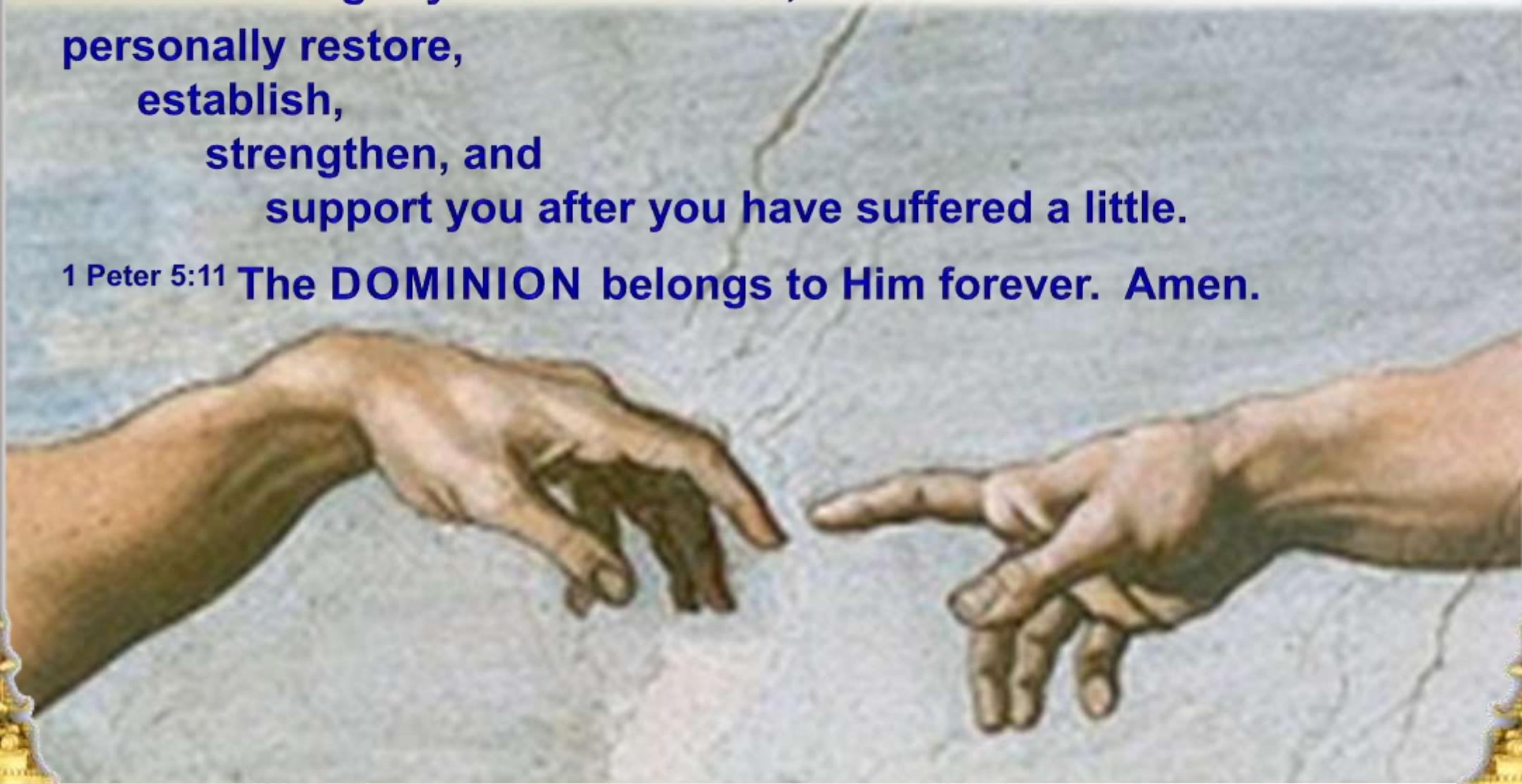
personally restore,

establish,

strengthen, and

support you after you have suffered a little.

1 Peter 5:11 The DOMINION belongs to Him forever. Amen.



Shakespeare said

Henry VI, part 3 | Act 3, Scene 1

**My crown is in my heart, not on my head;
Not decked with diamond and Indian stones,
Nor to be seen: my crown is called content;
A crown it is that seldom kings enjoy.**





Our Good Shepherd
Asks us to Clothe
Ourselves in Humility
To *HIM* be Dominion

