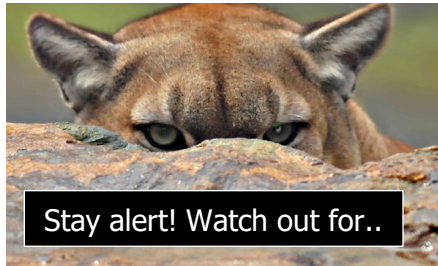


Finding Hope in the Battle & Beyond



READ: 1 Peter 5:8-14

⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

¹⁰ In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

¹¹ All power to him forever! Amen.

¹² I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace. ¹³ Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴ Greet each other with a kiss of love. Peace be with all of you who are in Christ.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are on the road to destruction. The god of this age has blinded the minds of those who don't have faith so they couldn't see the light of the gospel that reveals Christ's glory. Christ is the image of God.

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

(God's adversary & enemy)

"It is funny how mortals always picture us as putting things into their minds: in reality our best work is done by keeping things out."

— C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

REFLECTION: What IS Satan's strategy against us? Against God?

What is God's strategy and help for us?

1 Peter 5:10 (CEB)

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, the one who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be power forever and always. Amen.

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

Where is God restoring you, empowering you, strengthening you, and establishing you at this time?

What difficulties are making you depend on Jesus more?

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