



Standing firm
in the true grace of God

STUDIES IN
1 PETER

WPCB Evening Service Series
...starting March 2019

**“God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble”**

Readings:

1 Peter 2:18-2:25

1 Peter 4:12-5:14

Successful people like Barack Obama and Mark Zuckerberg wear the same thing every day — and it's not a coincidence

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Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, **arm yourselves with the same way of thinking**, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. *(1 Peter 4:1-2)*

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For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

13 But rejoice insofar as **you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.** 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because **the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.**

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¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, **the God of all grace**, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, **will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.**

¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

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⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist 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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How will you dress yourself each day?