

# The Book of 1 Peter

## Leading Like Jesus

1 Peter 5:1-5

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### Bottom Line:

Shepherding is a powerful concept when it comes to leading and serving in the church! Elders and other leaders are called to serve with the example of Jesus Christ ever present in their hearts and minds!

### 1. *Shepherd people lovingly and faithfully!* *(condition of the heart) 1 Peter 5:1-2*

**A. Serve willingly, not reluctantly. v. 2**

**B. Serve eagerly, not for personal gain. v. 2**

### 2. *Lead faithfully with a servant's heart!* *1 Peter 5:3-4; Psalm 23; John 10:1-18*

**A. Reject authority that controls. 1 Peter 5:3**  
*Matthew 20:25-28; 3 John 9-10*

**B. Embrace leadership that models for others.**  
*1 Peter 5:3*

## Our Chief Shepherd

1 Peter 5:4

- Knows his people personally  
Jn 10:3 "He calls by name"  
Ps 23:1 "Lord is MY shepherd"
- Leads rather than drives  
Jn 10:3 "He leads them out"  
Ps 23:2 "He leads me beside"
- Provides what is needed  
Jn 10:9 "Whoever enters...saved"  
Ps 23:1. "I shall not want"
- Protects from danger  
Jn 10:11 "lays down his life"  
Ps 23:4 "I will fear no evil"
- Sacrifices for His sheep  
Jn 10:11 "lays down his life"  
Ps 10:15 "I lay down my life"
- Guides in the right path  
Jn 10:4 "He goes ahead of them"  
Ps 23:4 "He guides me in paths..."
- Brings peace and rest  
Jn 10:10 "that they may have life"  
Ps 10:15 "lie down..green pastures"
- Present in difficult times  
Jn 10:12 "hired hand...abandons"  
Ps 23:4 "For you are with me"

### 3. *Lead with a humble, "accountable to God," heart!* 1 Peter 5:5; James 4:6

*Humility is not optional—it is essential for the life of the church.*

*"clothe yourselves" = Greek "egkombōsasthe" a term used for tying on a servant's apron.*

*Points to Jesus in John 13, when He wrapped a towel around Himself and washed His disciples' feet.*

*Humility is not theoretical—it should be a dominant trait in our leadership and servant roles in the church, emanating from the teaching and example of Jesus Himself!*