

# RECAP

- **Exiles** - temporary residents in a foreign land; expect to suffer as a byproduct of following Jesus
- **Refiner's fire** - brings impurities to surface
- **Test** - opportunity to see genuineness/quality of one's faith



1 Peter 5:1-  
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## Watch Over

- **Oversee** - take responsibility for care of another
- **Shepherds create conditions for sheep to flourish**
  - **Good grass** - help others grow in Truth of the Bible
  - **Fresh water** - help others grow in walking in the Holy Spirit
  - **Protection from predators, pests, and poisonous weeds** - expose lies/schemes of devil; warn against temptations/traps of the flesh and the world

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## Shepherds of StoneBridge

- Pastors on staff - 10
- Small group leaders - 125
- **APEST** shepherds - those gifted by God to pastor others; sometimes in formal roles, sometimes not
- **'Positional'** shepherds - those in roles where they are entrusted with watching over some of God's people
  - **Parents** - entrusted with children
  - **Managers** - entrusted with employees

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**Jesus - Chief Shepherd**; model for how a shepherd watches over others

- **Willingly** - voluntarily; recognize privilege of shepherding some of God's people
- **Eagerly** - enthusiastically; zealously focusing on meeting needs of others vs own needs (not greedily)
- **Exemplarily** - following example of Jesus who washed feet of disciples vs domineering,

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## Clothe yourself with humility-

- **Clothe** -image of the apron servant put on before going to work
- **Philippians 2.3-4:** in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others
- **The Proud** - those who fail to acknowledge need for **God**; live independently of the **Father**
- **The Humble** - those who recognize their need for **God**; live dependently on the **Father** (like children)

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## Communion

Father, please forgive my pride.

I confess that I live my life independently of You in the following ways: -----

Father, please give me the grace to walk in humility:

- to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit;
- to look not to my own needs, but to the needs of others;
- to live in daily dependence upon You as a child to a father.