

1 Peter 5 *Keep Your Focus*

Study Guide – Reference Verses

Be Faithful

John 10:7-15 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Be Humble

John 13:1-9 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.” Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also *my hands and my head!*”

Be Watchful

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the

darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Be Hopeful

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be glory forever and ever*. Amen.

DEVO: “A Broken Key”

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quix wxll xxxcpt for onx of the kxys.

I havx many timxs wishxd that is workxd pxfxctly.

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Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our church is somxthing likx my typxwritxr – not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrlly.

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But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx, bxcasx a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxxy pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx your xfforts arx not nxxdxd vxry much, rxmxbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, “I am a kxy pxrson in thx congrgation and I am nxxdxd vxry much.”

This is what happxns to thx wholx church, and multiply this by many timxs – thx whole thing just doxs not makx sxnsx!

“Belovxd don’t bx like a broken kxy.”

You must utilize your spiritual gift. The local body of Christ where you worship needs you and cannot be the same without you! Do you really believe that?

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