

Everyday Church Series
“Everyday Leaders”
1 Peter 5:1-14

Leaders care for people.

And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: ² Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly - not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.

1 Peter 5:1-2 (NLT)

God uses shepherd leaders.

¹⁵ *After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”*

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

¹⁶ *Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

¹⁷ *A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.

John 21:15-17 (NLT)

Leaders lead.

³ *Don’t lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. ⁴ And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor.*

1 Peter 5:3-4 (NLT)

God uses servant leaders.

²⁵ *But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ²⁶ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. ²⁸ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

Matthew 20:25-28 (NLT)

Leaders learn from leaders.

⁵ *In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for*

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

⁶ *So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.*

1 Peter 5:5-7 (NLT)

God uses teachable leaders.

Leaders lead against the enemy.

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.*

1 Peter 5:8-11 (NLT)

God uses courageous leaders.

“Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from

them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. ⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. ⁹ This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:6-9 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

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.

1 Peter 5:12-14 (NLT)

Everyone can be an everyday leader.

He chose his servant David,
calling him from the sheep pens.

⁷¹ He took David from tending the ewes and lambs
and made him the shepherd of Jacob's descendants—
God's own people, Israel.

⁷² He cared for them with a true heart
and led them with skillful hands.

Psalms 78:70-72 (NLT)

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. List some of the great leaders of our generation(s).

Why were they great in your eyes?

2. When and where have you been led by someone well?

Where have you seen failures in leadership?

3. Read 1 Peter 5:1- 14 all the way through out loud. Pause for a minute of silence. Re-read the passage all the way through. Share what one thing stands out to you from the passage?

4. Re-read 1 Peter 5:3-4. Why is your own good example so important for leading others?

How can we still lead others in spite of our own failures and sin?

5. Re-read 1 Peter 5: 5-7. How does age influence leadership?

How can we remain humble in leadership regardless of our age or position in leadership?

6. Where do you have opportunities to lead in the church or in your community?

What holds you back from being a leader?

How can you seize those opportunities to make a difference for Christ?