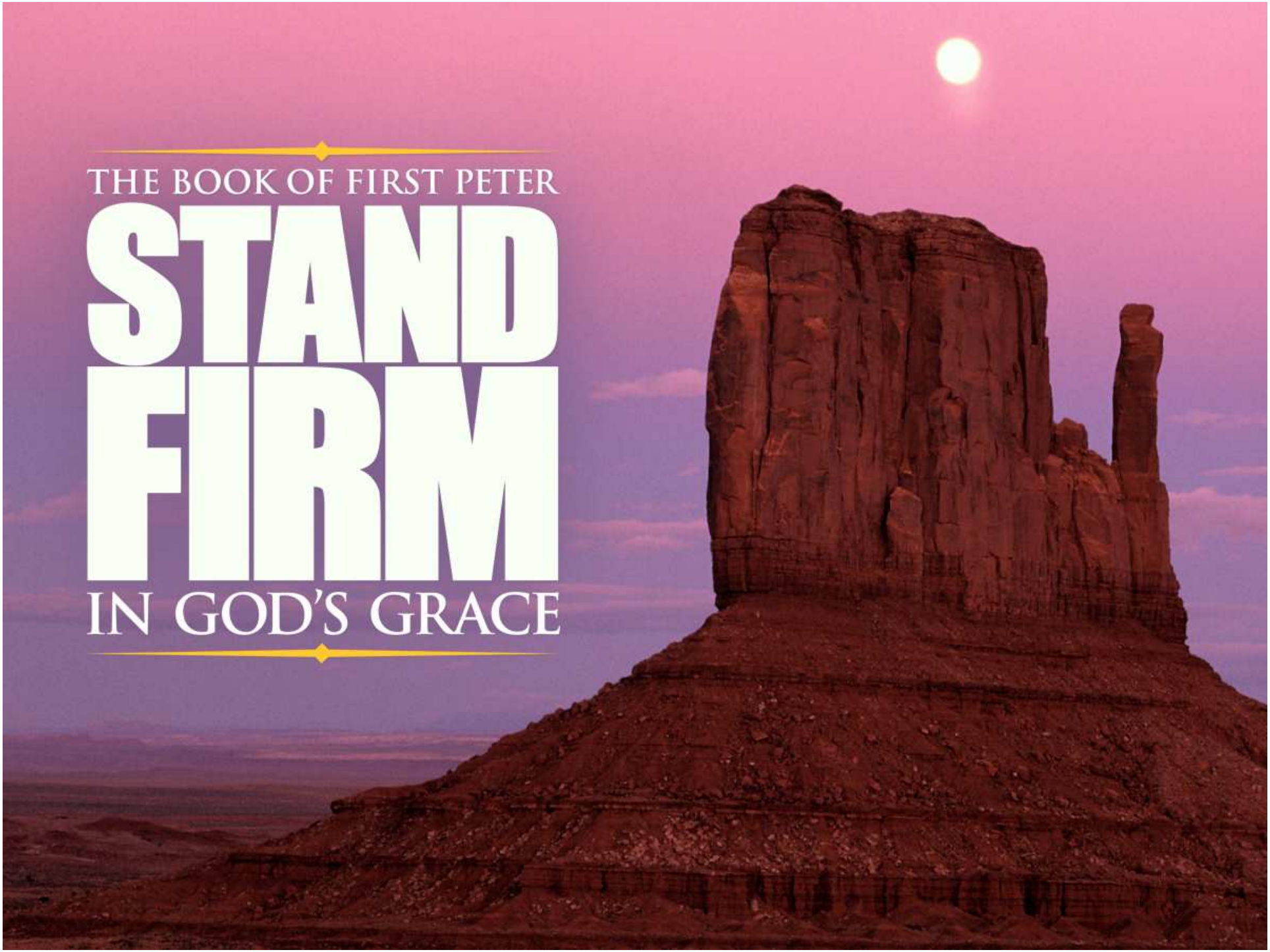
THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER
STAND FIRM
IN GOD'S GRACE


Peter’s Top 10
1 Peter 3:8-12
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1) Harmonious \här-mō-nē-əs\

- To being like-minded, united in spirit (BDAG)
- The likeness of "sentiment or disposition" rather than of "opinion" (VGNT)

Ask Yourself:

- Am I of the same mind as Peter, that I must honor my wife (wives submit / respect husbands)?
- Am I of the same mind as Peter, that adversity doesn't give me the right to respond in any way I please – that "patient endurance" (2:20) should characterize my response to difficulty?
- In a general sense of the word, do I typically pick up a contrary point of view, focusing on differences of opinion rather than common ground?

2) Sympathetic \sim-pə-□the-tik\

- Enter into and experience the feelings of another (Peter H. Davids / Commentary)
- "…the best thing for a husband is an understanding wife" (BDAG / Euripides)
- You understand me… the way I feel! (westwood ☺)

Ask Yourself:

- When speaking to others, do I ask them questions about themselves?
- Do I affirm the feelings of others ("looks like you are really going through a difficult time right now" vs. "Well, Rom 8:28 all things to work together for good…")?
- Listen with your heart
- A quiet, time-intensive, presence-intensive ministry

3) Brotherly \brə-thər-lē\

- Philadelphos: having brotherly love, having mutual affection (BDAG)
- Philos = friend + adelphos = brother (strongs)
- We are family, not strangers, not acquaintances or distant relatives. We have the same Father.

Ask Yourself:

- Do we love the brethren, not always liking them perhaps, but treating them kindly, and making their interests more important than our own? (F.B. Meyer)
- When my Brother or Sister experiences a success, am I proud of them? Do I let them know it?
- If my Brother or Sister needs help, am I there for them with practical service?

4) Kindhearted \kīnd-ˀhär-təd\

•Healthy Intestines, well compassioned, that is, sympathetic: - pitiful, tender-hearted.

•to having tender feelings for someone (BDAG)

•"one step further than compassion… it not only feels the pains of others, it touches the wounds with exquisite delicacy…" (J H Jowett)

Ask Yourself:

•Do I thoughtfully read [hbclist], allowing myself to feel pitiful towards the afflicted and distressed?

•Do I have room in my heart for others?

•When I evaluate the contribution of others in the church, do I value the importance and hidden contribution of these "mercy" type gifts?

•Who exemplifies this trait, what can I do to model their behavior?

5) Humble In Spirit \həm-bəl\

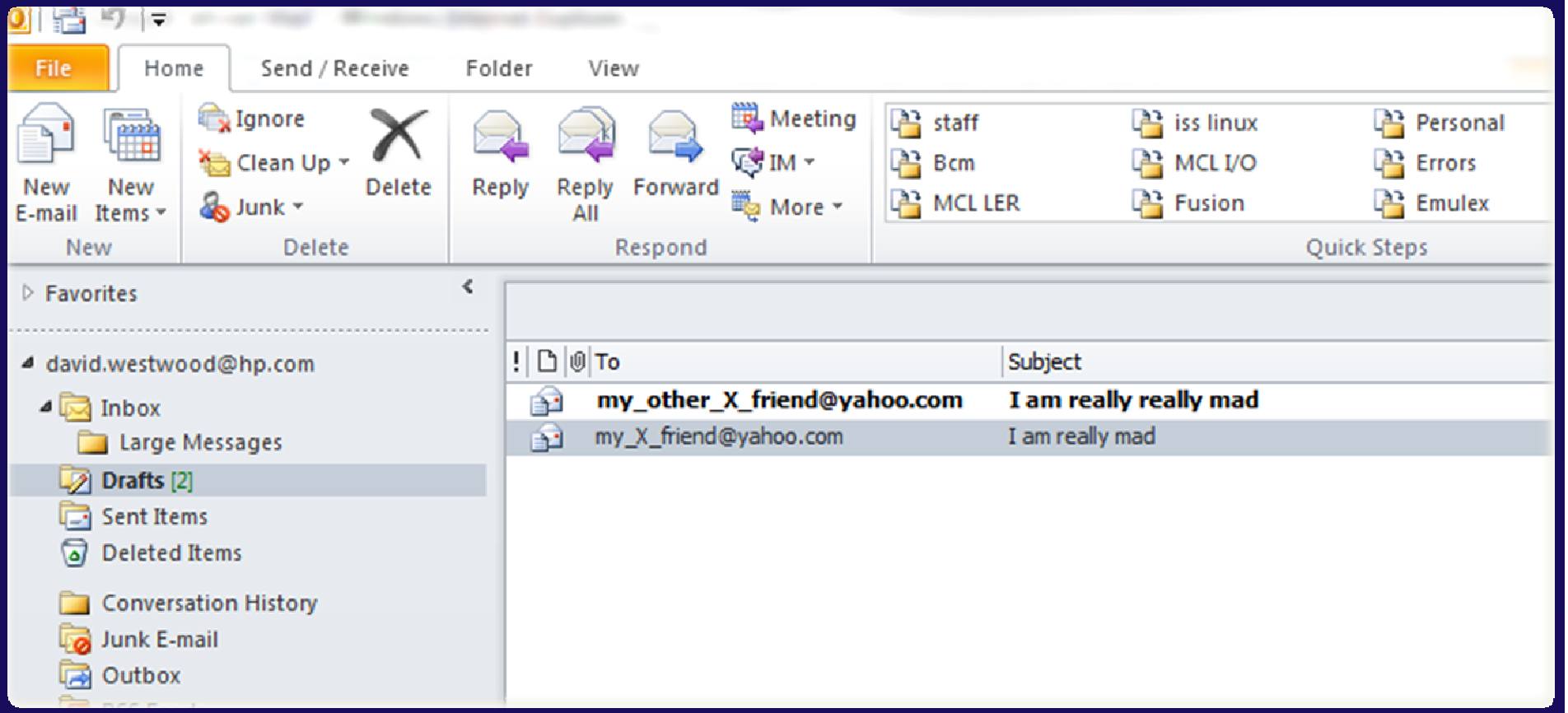
- Having a modest opinion of oneself, a humble attitude (Friberg)
- humble-minded (Thayer's)
- Humility is not thinking poorly of oneself. Rather, it is having the proper estimate of oneself in the will of God. (preceptaustin.org)
- "A mental choice to not focus on self… me… mine, but on the other person" (Chuck Swindoll)

Ask Yourself:

- Does the philosophy of "Just look out for number one!" characterize me? Am I worried that if I don't look out for myself, no one will.
- When we have a picnic in the parking lot, or other church wide event, do I consider helping others (prep / serve / cleanup)?
- When something is accomplished in the workplace or ministry, do I recognize the contributions of others in my email or presentations w/out tooting my own horn?

Top 5 Characteristics of those who
"Desire life: to love, and see good days"

1.Not Evil for Evil, or Insult for Insult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1. No Evil for Evil, or Insult for Insult
2. Give a blessing instead
3. Keep your tongue from evil
4. Turn from evil
5. Seek peace and pursue it