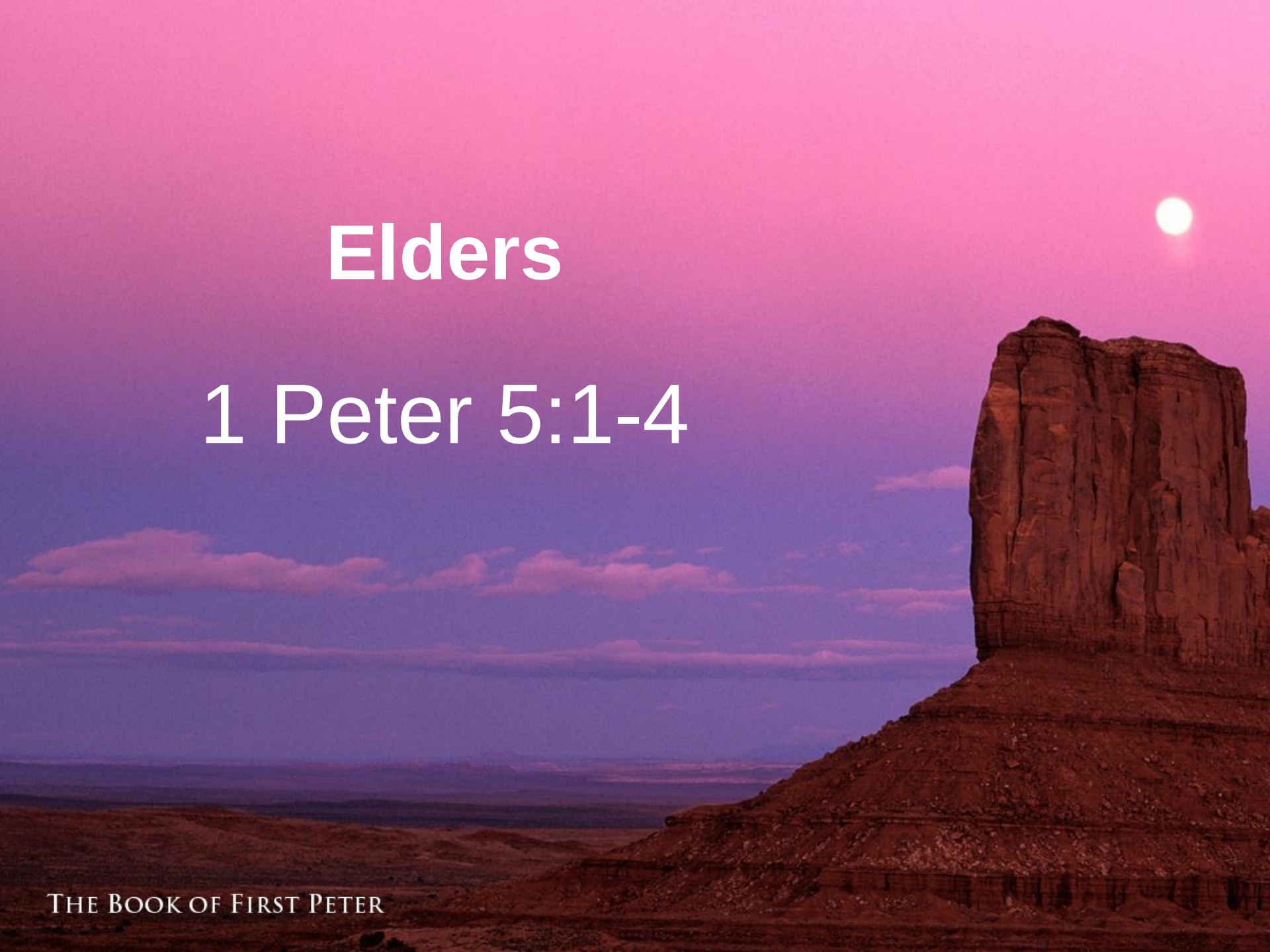

THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER
STAND FIRM
IN GOD'S GRACE

Elders

1 Peter 5:1-4



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Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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Acts 14:21-23

After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and *saying*, “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.” When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Matthew 17:1-8 Transfiguration

Six days later Jesus *took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and *led them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” When the disciples heard *this*, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” 8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.











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Exercise Oversight

- Not under compulsion
- But voluntarily, according to the will of God.

- Not for sordid gain
- But with eagerness

- Nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge
- But proving to be examples to the flock

Qualifications of an Elder
1 Tim 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-9

- Above reproach
- Husband of one wife
- Temperate
- Prudent
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Able to teach
- Not addicted to wine

Qualifications of an Elder
1 Tim 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-9

- Not Pugnacious, Gentle
- Free from the love of money
- Manages household well
- Children under control
- Not a new convert
- Not self-willed or quick tempered
- Just
- Devout

Exercise Oversight

- Negative: Not under compulsion
- Positive: But voluntarily, according to the will of God.

Exercise Oversight

- Negative: Not for sordid gain
- Positive: But with eagerness

1 Timothy 5:17-19

The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “you shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,” and “The laborer is worthy of his wages.” Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

Exercise Oversight

- Negative: Nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge
- Positive: But proving to be examples to the flock



My Applications

- Thank our Lord for our Elders
- Pray for our elders and their families
- Behave like good sheep, make their job easy. So stop behaving badly (straying)
- Follow their example and serve