THE FINISH
Forged By Fire #7
November 29, 2026
1 Peter 5:1-5

BIG IDEA: THERE IS NO SUCCESS WITHOUT _____.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUCCESSORS

1. **_____ THE CHURCH. (v. 2a; John 13:34-35; 15:12-13; 1 Cor. 13:1-4)**

2. **_____ THE CHURCH.**
   - **Teach them the _____ will of God. (Acts. 20:27)**
   - **Teach them to _____ and _____ God's word. (John 8:31-32)**

3. **_____ THE CHURCH. (v. 2-4)**
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4. **_____ AND _____ YOUR LEADERS. (v. 5a)**

5. **EXERCISE _____ TOWARD EACH OTHER. (v. 5b)**

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9. Here Paul gives qualifications for leaders. Whether you are a leader or not, these are great lists of things for every Christ follower to pursue. What challenges you in these lists? Where do you need to grow to become all God has called you to be?

Tuesday: Read James 3:1-5. Is James trying to discourage people from becoming teachers or sharing what a special responsibility it is? Are you better when you are being held to a higher standard? Most people are. If you are a teacher or other leader, has your tongue ever gotten you in trouble? Give grace to those who teach and lead. Teaching and leadership are hard!

Wednesday: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. Do you respect and esteem the leaders and volunteers in our church? What could you do this week to show your love and gratitude for their leadership and/or service?

Thursday: Read 1 Peter 5:5-7. What does humility have to do with leadership and life in the church? How to you respond to others who display pride? Humility? How have you seen God give grace to you or exalt you when you are humble? Notice how humbling yourself before God helps you "cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you." Humility lubricates the relationships in your life and in the church.

Friday: On His last night with the disciples leadership succession was on Jesus' mind and heart. Read John 15 from the perspective of Jesus preparing His apostles to succeed Him. Jesus has also passed the baton of leadership to you! Read the chapter again as if He is saying this to you. What can you do to be successful in bearing fruit as a follower/leader? How does v. 16 encourage you? Remember and read it when you feel discouraged. Jesus chose you and appointed you to bear lasting fruit. That's encouraging!