

# A Loving Eldership

1 Peter 5:1-4



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oversight or watchcare



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These **three charges** have the sense of God’s under-shepherds carefully watching over the welfare of God’s people by **feeding them with the good food God has provided.**

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**Shepherd the flock of God, exercising oversight.**

That’s Peter’s primary command in this passage, and with it, he gives us **three foundational elements of Christ-exalting eldership** among God’s people.

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From 1 Peter 4:12-19:

- Expect
- Rejoice
- Glorify
- Entrust

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Elders (*presbyterous*): **older men** with spiritual wisdom, maturity, and credibility in life

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**Shepherd** (*poimante*): shepherd, tend, guide; exercising pastoral **watchcare**.

**Pastoral** comes from **providing pasture** and is concerned with all aspects of shepherding.

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**Oversight** (*episkopeo*): look upon, to take care, to see to something; to look over, or **to watch over**

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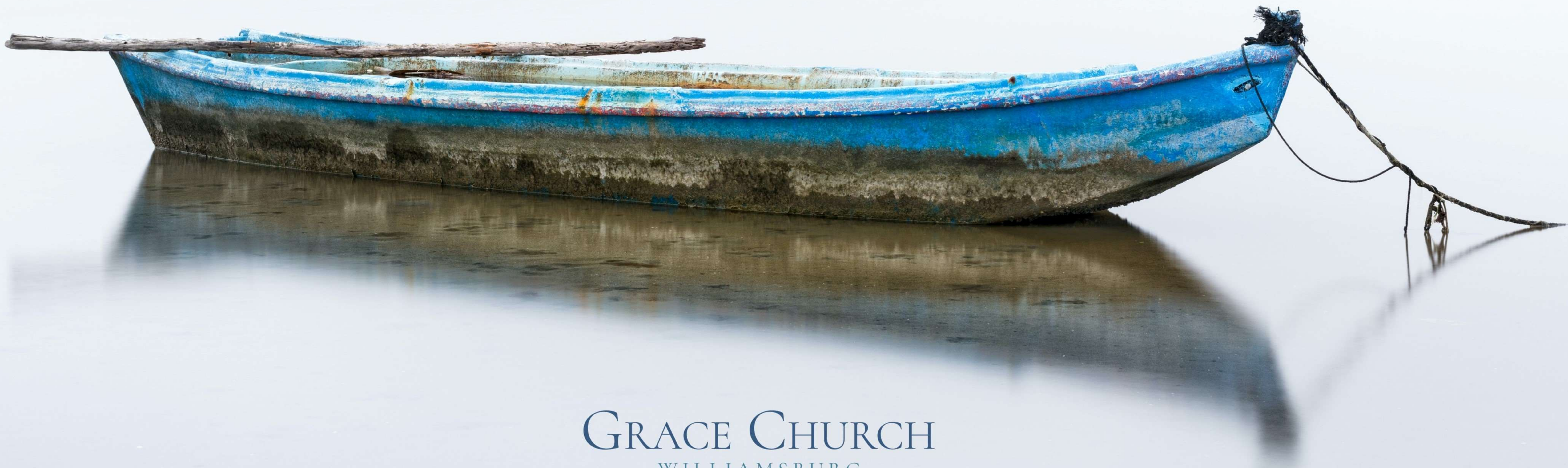
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- prove to be **examples**

- I. Their Relationship to Shepherding
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- III. Their Reward for Shepherding (1 Peter 5:4)**

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