

Christ's Servant Sufferers

1 Peter 5:5-7



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Three Christlike attitudes
characterizing the Savior's servant sufferers.

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"You younger men" conveys the idea of men who are not among the elders, men who are most likely younger compared with the **stage of life** of the older pastors.

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Peter's specific command is for these young men to *hupatasso*, his repeatedly-used word meaning **to line up under**.

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...submission can happen with a sinful attitude.

Selfish attitudes work against what biblical submission to authority is about.

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So, to effectively counter the danger and to encourage godly submission, Peter goes next to **submission's twin...**

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The word **humility** conveys the idea of valuing or assessing yourself appropriately, especially as you consider the reality of your sinfulness and creatureliness before your Creator.

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How do you put on humility?

Philippians 2:3-4

Romans 12:9-21

Colossians 3:12-17

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*“Therefore, humble yourselves **under the mighty hand of God**, that He may exalt you at the proper time.”*

This is the attitude we need toward our suffering and humility.

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4. Rejoice that God's spirit and glory rest on you (1 Peter 4:14).

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“If the foundational attitude for spiritual growth is submission, humility is, then, the footing to which the foundation is anchored. To become proudly rebellious, fight against the Lord's purposes, or judge His providence as unkind or unfair is to forfeit the sweet grace of His exaltation when the trial has fulfilled its purpose...”

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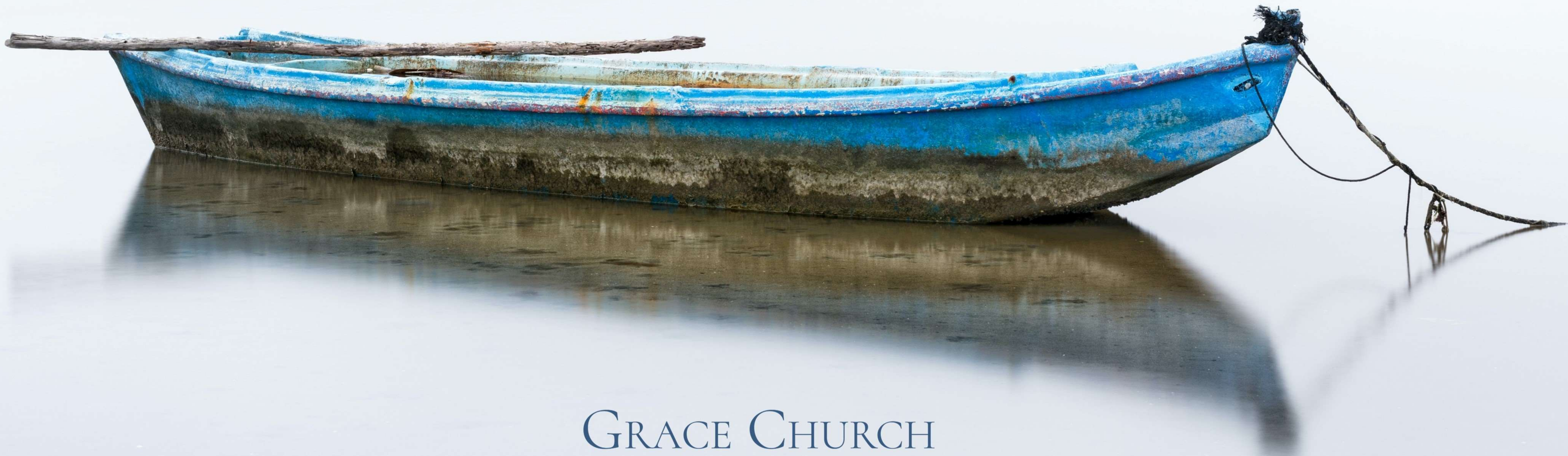
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When it comes to God's mighty, sovereign hand designing and sending suffering into your life, will you **react** as a **worrier** or **respond** as a **worshiper**?

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