

# To the Elders

## 1 Peter 5:1-4

### Discern—The Need

- **Transition from Suffering and Persecution**
  
- **Begins with Church Leadership**

### Embrace—The Word

- **Partner In Ministry** (v.1)
  - *Elder*
  
- **Participant in Glory** (v.1)
  - Elders with this confidence are able to offer incredible and eternal hope
  
- **Pastor of God's People** (v.2)
  - *Shepherd God's flock*
  
- **Not By Pressure** (v.2)
  - *Compulsion*
  - *According to God's will*
  
- **Not for Profit** (v.2)
  - If money is the issue then something is wrong
  - *But eagerly*
  
- **Not for Power** (v.3)
  - *Not lording it over*
  - *But being examples to the flock*
  
- **For the Prize** (v.4)
  - *You will receive*

### Engage—The Truth

- **When God Wanted**