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Series: **Triumphant in Tribulation**

Title: **Prepare for Life**

Scripture Text: **1 Peter 5:5-14**

As we wrap up the book of 1 Peter, Peter gives his readers some sound advice concerning their preparedness for life. We are not guaranteed an easy life. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Yet even in our times of struggle, we are encouraged to cast all our cares on God because He cares for us ([v. 7](#)). We are given the assurance that even though times can be difficult; the difficulties are but for a short time and that God will restore, establish, strengthen, and support us ([v. 10, 2 Cor. 4:16-18](#)). Let us look at three activities to help us prepare for life.

I. Be Humble ([1 Peter 5:5-7](#))

The first point Peter raises is to be humble. We are to be humble toward each other and toward God. When we are prideful, we are only focused on ourselves and what is best for us. By being clothed in humility, our concern is others and what is best for them. For God's body to thrive, we need to be humble, encouraging one another, and trusting God with the outcome.

- **What are examples of actions that reflect humility?**
- **Why is humility so difficult?**
- **Describe someone you know that is humble. What affect do they have on those around them?**
- **How do you struggle with pride?**
- **What can you do to build your 'humility muscles'?**

II. Be Watchful ([1 Peter 5:8-9](#))

When we face the struggles of life, we can get distracted and take our focus off Christ. These are opportunities for the devil to slip in and cause trouble. We see in this passage that he is on the prowl, looking for opportunities to devour us. We need to be watchful, constantly aware of the dangers around us.

- **What does [James 4:7](#) say about how we engage the devil?**
- **Why is the sequence important?**
- **What are some practical ways we can be more watchful? How can you build your 'watchfulness muscles'?**
- **How can we help each other be more watchful?**

III. Be Faithful ([1 Peter 5:10-12](#))

When we face the trials of life, we can either draw nearer to God, or we can slip away and go our own way. Regardless of the circumstances we face, we must continually be faithful to God, who is always faithful.

- **Can you be faithful to God without being faithful to your Christian brothers and sisters?**
- **How can being faithful to God and each other help you deal with the trials of life?**
- **How can you be more faithful? What are activities to build your 'faithfulness muscles'?**

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