

this *exile* life



A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, May 16, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 18 | **Stay Close, You'll Make It**

1 Peter 5:8-11

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seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds

of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And

after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal

glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Stay alert in your **WEAKNESS**

v. 8-9a

Satan's tactics

stay close, stand firm

Hebrews 4:16; James 4:7-8a; Ephesians 6:11-18

— remember: you're *not* **ALONE**

v. 9b

It's not just you...

Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 41:10; John 14:18

We All Need Friends

Hebrews 10:24-25

and it's *not* **FOREVER.**

v. 10-11

short time v. eternity

Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

God will *himself* restore you...

Psalm 71:20-21; Lamentations 3:22-23



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting to Know You

Getting to Know You: Use this guide

for your personal and group study this week. Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *If you were left on a deserted island with either your worst enemy or no one, which would you choose? Why?*

* This week's Study Guide is adapted from a discussion guide by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible, part of the EFCA.

Getting Started

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

1. This weekend we heard about our need to be alert to the fact that we need to resist our enemy who prowls around seeking to devour us. How could the following passages help us in our motivation and confidence in standing firm against the devil?

Romans 16:20

1 John 4:4

James 4:7

John 8:44

What insight from these verses is most helpful to you in fighting the spiritual battle?

2. **Proverbs 7** contains the account of the foolish young man who was seduced by the aggressive married woman. In **Proverbs 6**, Solomon writes advice to his son on how to avoid falling for such a woman. How could you apply the advice he gives about avoiding sexual immorality in **Proverbs 6:20-35** to other areas of your life where you might be tempted to sin?

What are some of the most significant indicators that show us we're losing self-control and are about to give in to temptation?

Which of these suggestions in this passage would be the most helpful for you to apply?

3. When it comes to being self-controlled, alert, and resisting the devil, we'll find a lot more success if we don't try to do them on our own or with just our own strength. What resources do you find in **Galatians 5:16-26** that can help you experience God's power to be self-controlled, alert, and resistant?

What challenges do you face in tapping into God's power to live the Christian life?

How could John 15:4-5 help you understand how the fruit of the Spirit is produced in your life?

4. As you close, spend time praying for each person in your group.



APRIL/MAY/JUNE CHALLENGE:

Gather, Grow, Go!

We want to see every person who calls Wawasee home do 3 things:

1. **Gather** regularly on Sunday mornings. (Hebrews 10:25).
2. **Grow** by getting connected in a growth ministry like a Life Group, Forge, Women's Bible Study, etc. Don't just show up, *grow up!* (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12)
3. **Go** serve somewhere! Wawasee Bible will *never* feel like family to you until you're linking arms and serving somewhere. **Where are you serving?** More than ever, we need people willing to serve. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

How are you doing at these three things? Do you need to **Gather** and show up more regularly? Do you need to **Grow** up and get connected in a Life Group? Do you need to **Go** and get off the sidelines and into the game so that you can contribute rather than just consume?

This spring your challenge is to take some tangible steps to *Gather, Grow, & Go!*

Word Find for 1 Peter 5:8-11 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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