

# BATTLE READY

STANDING FIRM IN JESUS' STRENGTH

## HomeGroup Discussion Questions

Week 2: Mar 14th [Boulder Campus]

Week 3: Mar 20th-26th [Online & Erie Campus]

Week 4: Mar 28th [Thornton Campus]

Suffering takes our breath away. It can knock us off our feet and disorient our minds. But suffering is also a battleground. It's a battleground for our faith. Will it draw us closer to God? Or, will it cause us to drift away? Suffering is an experience we can't escape, but by God's grace, it is also something we can endure. In fact, it can draw us even closer to the God who promises to "restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish" us.

Main Texts: 1 Peter 5:6-11

### CONNECT

1. Think of an experience of suffering from your own life or of someone close to you. What impact did it have on your (or their) faith?
2. What did you find most significant in this week's sermon? What questions did it leave in your mind?

### LEARN

3. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11. These verses include promises that closely relate to the various commands Peter mentions. What are some of these "command-promise pairs"?
4. From verses 6-7, Pastor John pointed out that God is both mighty *and* caring. How should these qualities serve as a comfort to those who are suffering? Would it matter if God were only one and not the other?
5. In verse 9, Peter commands his listeners to resist the devil. What do you think it means for a Christian to "resist" the one who "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour"?
6. Why do you think Peter wants his listeners to know that "the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world" (v. 9)? In other words, why is it important in suffering to remember that others are suffering as well?

### APPLY

7. What examples of suffering from the Bible are most meaningful for you? Why?

8. When faced with your own suffering, how important is it to know that, as Pastor John emphasized, “You are not alone”? (See v. 9)

9. How can the experience of suffering draw us closer to God? Consider sharing a story of how this has happened in your own life.