# Digging Deeper- Discussion for Family Worship and Small Groups 03/06/2022

A Study of 1 Peter: “Following Jesus Through a Foreign Land”

**Sermon Title:** “Commitments: Standing Firm”

**Passage:** 1 Peter 5:12-14

**Context:** Peter is writing to scattered, suffering Christians facing increased persecution. They need encouragement and instruction as they live out their earthly pilgrimage in a hostile environment. The remainder of the letter focuses on the theme of suffering-mainly from hostile people. Peter knows that the Christian need spiritual strength to stand firm. To do that we must look to what God has given us.

**Main Idea:** *“The spiritual strength to stand firm in faith comes from the ordinary means of grace that God has given to all who trust in Christ.”*

**Main Points:**

I. We must internalize God’s Word to have the spiritual strength to stand firm. (1 Peter 5:12)

 Ref. Hebrews 10:23; 1 Peter 1:1-5-12; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Psalm 119:11

II. We must tether ourselves to God’s people for the spiritual strength to stand firm. (1 Peter 5:12-13)

Ref. 2 John 1-2

III. We must not neglect physically gathering for church if we are going to have the spiritual strength to stand firm. (1 Peter 5:14a)

 Ref. Romans 16:16; Hebrews 10:12

IV. We must rest in God’s peace to have the spiritual strength to stand firm. (1 Peter 5:14b)

 Ref. Romans 5:1; John 14:27; Galatians 5:22-24

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did you learn about God’s attributes and promises?
2. What challenges you about the message?
3. Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God’s grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
4. What does this Scripture require of me?
5. How will you practically implement these truths?
6. What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?