**Living as Foreigners: Part 12**

**How to Overcome the Enemy**

**1 Peter 5:6-14**

**• This is God’s Word.**

**• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.**

**• It has God for its author,**

**• salvation for its end,**

**• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.**

**• It is the supreme source of truth**

**• for what we believe**

**• and how we live.**

**“So, humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are. In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So, after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. All power to him forever! Amen.**

**I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God’s grace for you. Stand firm in this grace. Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark. Greet each other with Christian love. Peace be with all of you who are in Christ.” 1 Peter 5:6-14**

**Surrender to God’s Control.**

**“Humble yourselves under the mighty power of God…” vs 6**

**Stay Alert! Watch Out!**

**“Stay alert! Watch out…” vs 8**

**Stand Firm Against Him.**

**“Stand firm against him…” vs 9**

**Stick With Your Family.**

**“Remember your family of believers…” vs 9**

**Set Your Mind on the Future.**

**“So, after you have suffered for a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation.” vs 10**

**Stand Firm in His Grace**

**“…Stand firm in this grace.” vs 12**