



## 1 Peter 5:8-14

### STILL STANDING - June 14, 2026

#### Message Recap

Life rarely falls apart all at once...it drifts there slowly. The real danger isn't always obvious; it's the quiet compromises, the isolation, and the moments we stop paying attention.

Peter's final words remind us:

- **Be alert:** don't sleepwalk through life
- **Stand firm:** anchor yourself in truth
- **Stay together:** don't fight alone
- **Trust God:** He restores what's broken

The lion may roar, but **God gets the final word.**

#### Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**  
What's one area of life where you're really disciplined...and one where you're not at all?
- **Reflection:**  
What part of the message resonated with you the most?

#### Discussion Questions

1. What does it practically look like to be "alert and sober-minded" in today's world?
2. Share a time where you've let panic or emotion lead to bad decision? What was the result?
3. Sometimes the strongest move doesn't look like action—it looks like restraint. But that kind of strength is hard. Why is "holding your ground" sometimes harder than taking action?
4. Where in your life are you most tempted to "go it alone"? How have relationships helped you stay strong in difficult seasons?
5. Where have you seen God rebuild something stronger after you've experienced "a little while of suffering?"

## For Additional Study

**Read:** James 4:7, John 10:10

- What does it practically look like to “resist” instead of react in moments of temptation or pressure?
- Jesus contrasts the enemy’s intent (steal, kill, destroy) with His own (life to the full). Where do you see those two paths competing in your daily life?
- Why do you think standing firm in truth is more effective than trying to fight in your own strength?

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 12:9–10, 1 Peter 1:3–7

- How have you seen God use a difficult season to grow or strengthen you?
- Why is it hard to believe that weakness or suffering could actually lead to strength?
- What would it look like for you to trust God’s restoring work instead of trying to fix everything yourself?