

## **“RESISTING THE DEVIL”**

“Keeping the Faith When Times Get Tough,” part 11

A sermon outline based on 1 Peter 5:8-14

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1. We have a **spiritual** enemy. (1 Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:12, Hebrews 12:2)
2. He’s like a **roaring** lion. (1 Peter 5:8)
3. What can we do?
  - **Resist** him. (1 Peter 5:9, James 4:7, Ephesians 6:11&13)
  - Stand firm in the **faith**. (1 Peter 5:9, Ephesians 6:13-14)
  - Be **self-controlled**. (1 Peter 1:13, 4:7, 5:8, 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8)
  - Be **alert**. (1 Peter 5:8, Matthew 26:40)
  - Know that we’re not **alone**. (1 Peter 5:9, 1 Corinthians 10:13)
4. God will **restore**, strengthen and establish us. (1 Peter 5:10-11)

### **Next steps...**

- Read and reflect on Ephesians 6:10-12 *“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”*
- Discuss with family members and/or friends what role the devil might be playing in our culture right now by stoking anger, animosity, division and violence.
- Give thanks that the devil is no match for God, that Jesus has been given all authority over Satan, and that in and through Christ we are the victors.