Deeper Life Notes

Memorial Day Weekend— "The Joy of Leadership", 1 Peter 5:1-5
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Introducing joy-filled leadership
Is "joy-filled leadership" an oxymoron (two ideas with opposite meanings)?
➔ Discuss your experiences (positive and/or negative) leading & being led…

Context - 1 Peter 1:3-8
What are the believers Peter addresses experiencing? Notice any oxymorons?

Suffering … Rejoicing … Faith … Trials … Salvation … Glory

Under what circumstances is leading & being led challenging?

Read 1 Peter 5:1-5
***1 Peter 5:1-5 gives us 3 reasons why leadership in the church can be joy-filled:**

1. We are in this _____[1] (v.1) "I exhort you as a fellow…"
A. Fellow-elder
What do Acts 14:23, 20:17, & 20:28 teach us about elder leadership in the church?

B. Fellow-_____[2] (of Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, Spirit)
See 2 Peter 1:16-21

C. Fellow-partaker - of what? (v.1b)

•Joy-killer #1 = isolation!

"Loners are losers. Avoid the devil's trap of isolation by the gift of friendship."
-Mark Dance, "The Isolation Trap" (lifeway.com)

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[1] together
[2] witness

Apply: Prioritize friendships… but how?

a) reach out to others one step at a time, b) invest time, c) create shared experiences, d) wait for mutuality, e) slowly unmask yourself, f) be present in times of need[3]

2. We are clear about our _____[4] (vv.2-5)
"Shepherd the flock of God that is among you…"

A. Leaders (vv.3-4): What a shepherd is to sheep, an elder is to to a congregation!

The elder's heart is to shepherd God's flock:
- Not because they have to, but because they get to — privilege!
- Not to make money but because they want to — priority!
- Not for power but to set an example — pattern!

•Joy-killer #2 = improper _____[5]
•Joy-killer #3 = confusion over duties/roles

B. Younger believers (v.5a): "Be subject to the elders…"
What does Proverbs 16:31, 20:29 & Leviticus 19:32 instruct those who are young?

C. Everyone (v.5b): "clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another."
See the following Proverbs for additional wisdom:
3:34, 11:2, 15:33, 16:19, 18:12, Proverbs 22 + Psalm 138:6

Apply How does Hebrews 13:7 & 17 teach us to respond to our leaders?
*Find some way to practically remember/honor someone in your life this week!

3. We will be _____[6] (v.4) "When the Chief Shepherd appears…"
What light do the following Scriptures shed on this subject?
Luke 6:23, 1 Corinthians 3:14, 2 Corinthians 5:10,11, Galatians 6:7-9, 1 Corinthians 15:58

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[3] steps from Bill Hybels, Willow Creek Community Church
[4] calling
[5] motivations
[6] rewarded