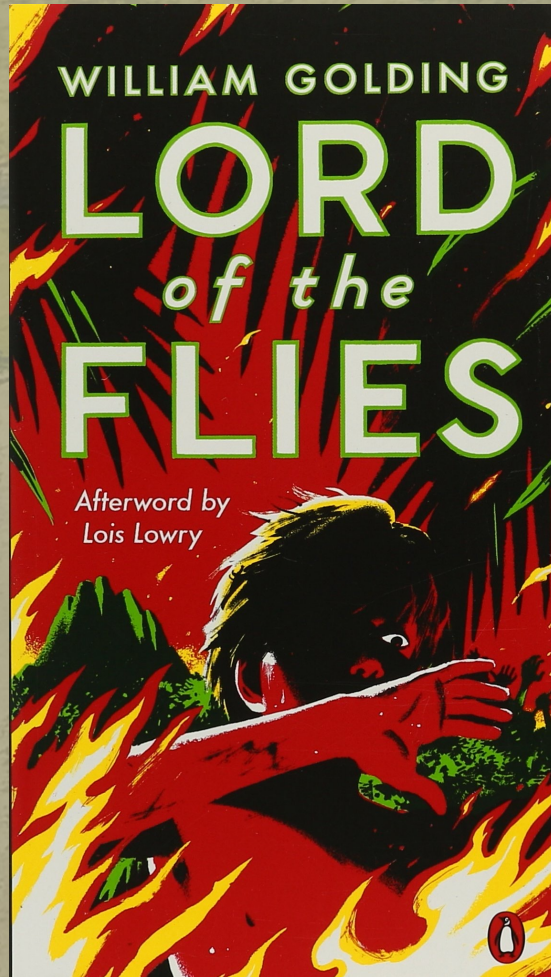




SCRIPTURE READING

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1 PETER

HOPE FOR WHEN THE
WORLD SEEMS STRANGE



Holy living requires holy
leadership.

1. The Example of an Elder

1 Peter 5:1

“To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed.”

2. The Work of an Elder

1 Peter 5:2a

“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them.”

Ezekiel 34:2

“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves. Should not shepherds take care of the flock?’”

John 21:15-17

“When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ he said, ‘you know that I love you.’

Jesus said, ‘**Feed my lambs.**’

Again Jesus said, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’

He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’

Jesus said, ‘**Take care of my sheep.**’

The third time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ He said, ‘Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.’

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1 Timothy 5:17-18

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For Scripture says, ‘Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,’ and ‘The worker deserves his wages.’”

Ezekiel 34:2-3

“Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock.”

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Matthew 20:25–28

“Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”

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1 Corinthians 11:1

“Follow my example, as I follow the
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5. The Response to an Elder

1 Peter 5:5a

“In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders.”

6. The Conviction of an Elder

(and all of us)

1 Peter 5:5b-6

“All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud, but shows favor to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”



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