

WORDS  
OF  
COMFORT

**MARCH 29, 2020 | DAVID NEWKIRK | FAMILY NOTES**

**HE'S THE GOD OF ALL GRACE!**  
**1 Peter 5:8-14**

**1. How is everyone doing? We try to put on a brave face, but these are unsettling days.**

**Can you think of a highlight from this past week?**

**What are some of the things you are worried about? What was a "low" this past week?**

If you haven't had an opportunity to do this already with your kids, this may be a good time for them to express their fears and anxieties out loud.

NOTE from CODkids: You might encourage your children to draw a picture of how they're feeling if that's easier for them.

**2. If you were an enemy of Christ, where and how would you attack Christians?**

NOTE from CODkids: Think of your favorite story or movie. Who was the bad guy? And how did that bad guy do his work?

**3. What reasons do you think Peter has for describing Satan as a "roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour"?**

**In our daily life, why do we fail to recognize him as such?**

NOTE from CODkids: The Bible describes Satan as a roaring lion. What kinds of bad things can Satan do? And why do we forget how dangerous he can be?

NOTE from Hillside Student Ministries: What are ways that Satan can get a foothold in your life during this quarantined time? How are you more susceptible now than before all this happened? What can we do to prevent Satan from doing this?

**4. Peter tells us to do four things in order to counteract what Satan is trying to do. What are those four things (8-9)?**

Peter tells us to be sober and clear-headed. We must be alert to the potential attacks and dangers, and we must be prepared. We resist Satan by refusing to yield to his attack and divisive plan for our life. We must be steadfast in the faith and doctrine of the apostles and the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**5. As you read 1 Peter 5:8-14, what encourages you?**

**When Peter describes our God as a God of ALL grace, what does he mean?**

We serve a God “of all grace” who has called us to an “eternal glory by Christ Jesus.” After you have suffered, He will “perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.” God is not absent or distant; He is a God of grace, who has an eternal plan of glory of perfecting, establishing, strengthening, and settling us. Our job is to trust His plan and involvement in the difficult and painful seasons of life.

NOTE from Hillside Student Ministries: How have you experienced God’s grace during this time? What are ways He has strengthened you already in these first couple of weeks?

**6. Close in prayer.**

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*Be sober and alert. Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion is on the prowl looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, strong in your faith, because you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are enduring the same kinds of suffering <sup>10</sup>And, after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him belong<sup>1</sup> the power forever. Amen.*

*<sup>12</sup>Through Silvanus, whom I know to be a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, in order to encourage you and testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. <sup>13</sup>The church in Babylon chosen together with you, greets you, and so does Mark, my son. <sup>14</sup>Greet one another with a loving kiss. Peace to all of you who are in Christ. | Peter 5:8-14*