

# Simon Says ... Live As Brethren

"Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home." John 19:27 (English Standard Version)

What a blessing to have \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on in tough times!

## 5:1-5 - The Guidance Provided By Caring Elders

- A. Matthew 23:9 - Elders are not \_\_\_\_\_, but they play a vital role in the church family.
- B. The value of godly elders in the family of God:
  - 1. 5:1 - He addressed the *presbuteros* - those who are \_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. Exodus 12:21 - Elders were prominent in \_\_\_\_\_ history.
    - b. Peter refers to himself as an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. 5:2a - Elders are also \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Paul used the same terms in Acts 20:17,28.)
  - 3. 5:2b,3 - Elders are to be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and be \_\_\_\_\_ to the flock.
  - 4. 5:4 - The \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd will give elders the \_\_\_\_\_ crown of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5. 5:5 - The \_\_\_\_\_ are to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the elders.
- C. 1 Timothy 3:4,5 - To be an elder, a man must understand \_\_\_\_\_. That's what the church is.

## 5:6-14 - Family Relationships Throughout The Church

- A. 1:17,22 - Christians are to call on God as \_\_\_\_\_. They are to develop a \_\_\_\_\_ love.
  - B. Viewing the church as family:
    - 1. 5:6-9 - Others in the \_\_\_\_\_ were suffering.
    - 2. 5:12 - Peter regarded \_\_\_\_\_ as a faithful \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3. 5:13 - He referred to Mark as "my \_\_\_\_\_". In Acts 12:12 we see Peter's connection to this family.
    - 4. 5:14 - To greet one another with a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is a family greeting.
  - C. John 19:26,27 - \_\_\_\_\_ gave responsibility for His \_\_\_\_\_ to John. He gives \_\_\_\_\_ similar responsibilities.
- 1:3 - As Christians we've been \_\_\_\_\_. To survive, we must be surrounded by people who \_\_\_\_\_ - family.

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