

A Traveler's Guide: Gospel Root back to Fruit

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1 Peter 5

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 - God's plan, so the people should be encouraged by God's leaders
 - Elders to lead by example
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- Remember the truth of the Gospel – our worthiness is Christ.
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- v8 must have been so powerful for Peter to write... remember Lk 22:31
- The Gospel: remember your identity in what Christ has made you to be
- The Gospel produces humility 5:6-8, not pride in our own ability but dependence upon God's gracious provision!

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- Peter reminds us what God of all grace does 10
- Because of Christ He restores us, confirms us, strengthens us, and establishes us 10
- restore – as in mended nets (Mt 4:21)
- confirm and strengthen – that is what the Gospel is about – restoring us to what God intended so that we may glorify Him!
- 12 The Gospel is God's Truth – not a made up idea. Stand firm in it!

Ask & Apply:

- what would it look like to apply these truths in your day-to-day life?
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