



# How to Stand When You Don't Understand

1 Peter 5:11-14

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## STUDY SECTION

**STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 5:11–14, NASB95** - <sup>11</sup> *To Him be dominion [Gk: *kratos* actually signifies “strength” and denotes God’s ability to “dominate” everything in the universe under His sovereign control] forever and ever. Amen.* <sup>12</sup> *Through Silvanus [another name for Silas, who traveled with Paul as sort of a secretary], our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!* <sup>13</sup> *She who is in Babylon [ie., Rome], chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my [spiritual] son, Mark.* <sup>14</sup> *Greet one another with a kiss of love [The holy kiss—always men to men, and women to women—was a customary outward sign of affection among believers in the early church]. Peace [this Gk word denotes a “peace” that only comes from God] be to you all who are in Christ.*

**1 Peter 5:11–14, JBP** – *All power is His forever and ever, amen! I am sending this short letter by Silvanus, whom I know to be a faithful brother, to stimulate your faith and assure you that the above words represent the true grace of God. See that you stand fast in that grace! Your sister-church here in “Babylon” sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark. Give each other an appropriate greeting as a sign of love. Peace be to all true Christians.*

## Five Questions for those of You Who Can't Stand because You Don't Understand

(An Overview of Chapter 5)

### 1. Are you surrendering your will to God?

**1 Peter 5:5–6, NASB95** - <sup>5</sup> *You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.* <sup>6</sup> *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time....*

### 2. Are you sending your worries to God?

**1 Peter 5:7, NIV84** - <sup>7</sup> *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

### 3. Are you strengthening your walk with God?

**1 Peter 5:8–9, NASB95** - <sup>8</sup> *Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* <sup>9</sup> *But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.*

### 4. Are you seeing the work of God?

**1 Peter 5:10, The Living Bible** - <sup>10</sup> *After you have suffered a little while, our God, who is full of kindness through Christ, will give you his eternal glory. He personally will come and pick you up, and set you firmly in place, and make you stronger than ever.*

### 5. Are you standing on the word of God?

**1 Peter 5:11–12, GNB** - <sup>11</sup> *To him be the power for ever! Amen.* <sup>12</sup> *I write you this brief letter with the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful fellow-Christian. I want to encourage you and give my testimony that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.*