

SERMON NOTES

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WEEK EIGHT

1 PETER 5

Sunday, October 29, 2023

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2. Pride is natural. Humility is _____.
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And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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SmallGroup

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