

## *Humility, Holiness, & Hope* 1 Peter 5:6-14

Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. He attaches far more importance to godly fellowship than we do. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation.

-Charles Spurgeon

### I. **Think Rightly!**

**II. Fight Confidently!**

**III. Live in Unity!**

## **Into the Bible**

The importance of Christian community is apparent throughout the Epistles in the New Testament. What do these verses tell us about why this is so? (Hebrews 10:24-25, Galatians 6:1-2, John 13:34-35)

## **Application**

In James 4:7 we are told to resist the devil, and the Bible is clear on why. (2 Corinthians 2:11, John 8:44) Why is it so important that we truly know our enemy? (Ephesians 6:11-12)

God has given us many assurances that He cares about us and thus our anxiety about his ability and/or willingness to take care of us is misplaced. (Deuteronomy 31:8, Isaiah 46:4, Isaiah 43:2) Yet in the midst of suffering it is hard to see God's loving hand on us. When Job finally confronts God about his suffering, God puts him in his proper place (Job 42:1-6), but it is God's face-to-face presence with Job that makes this conversation possible. How can this help us remain faithful in suffering?

## **For Families**

Talk with your children about what to do when God seems far away.