

Sermon: When God waits 讲章主题：当神等待时

Read Primary Passage: John 11:1-6 and John 11:40 读主要的经文：约翰福音 11:1-6

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⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” ⁵ **Now Jesus loved (**ἀγαπάω, agapáō**) Martha and her sister and Lazarus.** ⁶ **So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days,** ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

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Secondary Passage: John 11:40 约翰福音 11:40

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

耶稣说，“我不是对你说过，你若信，就必看见神的荣耀吗？”

I. Introduction:

God has brought me into a particularly sweet time in my life. For years my life seemed to me like a 10,000 piece puzzle that had been shaken up and dumped on the ground. The scattered and random pieces of my life seemed impossible to fit together.

But this is a season when I’m seeing all the tiny pieces come together in my life, in my work, and in my family. It’s truly amazing.

There were times when I felt like giving up – because I couldn't understand why life was so difficult and painful.

I was disappointed with God. Many times I said to God, “Where are You? “Why weren't you there when I needed you?”

Sometimes, God does not meet our expectations... and we can become discouraged or even in despair.

Sometimes when we're praying and asking for help, God does not seem to show up. Sometimes God simply waits...

This is the topic I'd like to talk about with you today – “Waiting for God when God waits ...” – What so we do when God does not show up in the way or in the time we expect. 这就是我今天要跟你们讨论的话题——“当神等待时等候神...”——当神没有以我们所期望的方式或时间出现时，我们该怎么做。

My hope is that I can encourage your faith, and your perseverance to hold on in the hard times when God does not show up when we expect Him to. 我希望我能鼓励你们的信心，鼓励你们在困难时期，当神没有在我们期待祂的时候出现时，仍要坚持不懈。

II. **Why Does God Sometimes Make Us Wait?** 神为什么有时让我们等待？

This morning, we're going to look at John 11, to find four reasons that God waits, to help us hold steady when life shakes us up. 今天早上，我们来看约翰福音 11 章，找出神等待的四个理由，帮助我们在经历生命的风浪中保持稳定。

Sometimes God waits because He wants to: 有时神等待因为他要：

1. **To show us His glory through Jesus Christ** 藉着基督向我们显明祂的荣耀
2. **To show us His love in unexpected ways** 以出人意料的方式向我们显明祂的爱
3. **To expose our false assumptions and expectations about God** 显露出我们对神错误的设想和期待

4. **To increase our faith, which transforms our lives and the lives of those around us. 提升我们的信心，转变我们的生命和在我们周遭的人的生命**

John 11:1-7 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) 约翰福音 11:1-7 有一个患病的人，名叫拉撒路，住在伯大尼，就是马利亚和她姐姐马大的村庄。² 这马利亚就是那用香膏抹主，又用头发擦他脚的。患病的拉撒路是她的兄弟。

³“So the sisters (of Lazarus) sent word to Jesus, “**Lord, the one you love** (Greek, φιλέω, philéō) is sick. ⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, **it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.**” ⁵ Now Jesus loved (ἀγαπάω, agapáō) Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” 她姊妹两个就打发人去见耶稣说，“主阿，你所爱(希腊词，φιλέω, philéō)的人病了。” 耶稣听见就说，“这病不至于死，乃是为神的荣耀，叫神的儿子因此得荣耀。” 耶稣素来爱(ἀγαπάω, agapáō) 马大，和她妹子，并拉撒路。听见拉撒路病了，就在所居之地，仍住了两天。然后对门徒说，我们再往犹太去吧。

A. Let’s stop and set the scene before we continue:

1. The sisters sent word to Jesus to notify him that Lazarus was sick. They expected him to come right away. While they’re were waiting for Jesus to come – Lazarus was fading, and dying... but Jesus waited... 姐妹两个打发人去通知耶稣说拉撒路病了。她们期待耶稣马上过来。当他们在等待耶稣来的时间里—拉撒路在衰竭，在死去…但耶稣在等待…
 - a. It was only about one day’s journey to Bethany from where Jesus was – “the place where John was first baptizing” beyond the Jordan (John 10:40). 从耶稣所在处—“约旦河外约翰起初施洗的地方” 离伯大尼大概就一天的路程
2. Lazarus is lying sick and dying. Martha and Mary are worried, afraid, and then, they watch their brother die... and Jesus did not come. They prepare their brother for burial ... and Jesus did not come. Jesus, who

loved them all, had not come to heal. He had not come to rescue. He had not even come to mourn... From the perspective of Martha and Mary and Lazarus, Jesus had let them down. I'm sure they were deeply disappointed and hurt.

3. Why didn't Jesus come? He could have prevented Lazarus' death. Why did he wait ... why didn't he come?

B. Sometimes God waits because He wants to show us His glory in an even greater way than we have known or thought possible and in a way that we would not have seen any other way --- through the power and love of Jesus Christ. 有时神等待，因为祂要向我们显明祂的荣耀

1. It's important to stop here a moment to say that Jesus is God -- the revelation of God come in human flesh.
2. Jesus said, "I and the Father are One" (Jn 10:30) and he said (John 14) "if you have seen me you've seen the Father." 耶稣说，“我与父原为一”（约翰福音 10:30），（约翰福音 14）“你们若认识我，也就认识我的父。”
3. So when we hear Jesus speaking and in everything we see Him doing, we're hearing God speak and seeing God at work.
4. **John 11:3-4**³ "So the sisters (of Lazarus) sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love (Greek, *φιλέω*, *philéō*) is sick. ⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, **it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.**" 约翰福音 11:3-4 她姐妹两个就打发人去见耶稣，说：“主啊，你所爱的人病了。”耶稣听见，就说：“这病不至于死，乃是为神的荣耀，叫神的儿子因此得荣耀。
5. **When God waits, He is up to something greater than we can expect or comprehend.** 当神等待时—祂要成就的事远超过我们所期待或所能理解的

- a. This was also seen in John 9, when Jesus healed the man who was born blind. He was now an adult.

¹As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"

³Jesus answered, "*It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.*"

¹耶稣过去的时候，看见一个人生来是瞎眼的。²门徒问耶稣说：“拉比，这人生来是瞎眼的，是谁犯了罪？是这人呢？是

他父母呢？”³耶稣回答说：“也不是这人犯了罪，也不是他父母犯了罪，是要在他身上显出神的作为来。

- b. God has a big picture and great purposes in mind
- c. God wants us to be part of His mission.
- d. To do this, we need to learn to believe in Jesus and trust in His goodness and timing even when – especially when – when life is hard and we’re hurting, confused or angry.

C. Sometimes God waits because He wants **to show His love in a way that is beyond that of friendship and care**. He wants us to know that He loves us far beyond what we can imagine. 有时神等待是因为祂要以超越友谊和关怀的方式表达爱。

1. **John 11:3, 5**³ “So the sisters (of Lazarus) sent word to Jesus, “**Lord, the one you love** (Greek, **φιλέω, philéō**) is sick....⁵ Now **Jesus loved** (Greek, **ἀγαπάω, agapáō**) Martha and her sister and Lazarus

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2. Notice in v. 3 the narrator says Lazarus’ sister compelled Jesus to come because of his “love” for Lazarus – using the Greek word “**philéō**” that means “to have affection for, to be a close friend.” And it surely was true that they considered Jesus to be a friend, someone close to them, and Jesus thought the same of them. They knew each other. They had spent time together and cared for one another. As a friend, Jesus might have been compelled to go right away.
3. However, verse 5 states that Jesus “loved” them – using the Greek word “**agapáō**” – to highly value, to be committed to the best for another person, to love with God’s kind of love. It was this kind of love that caused Jesus to wait... Jesus wanted to do more than show affection, He wanted to show them God’s love for them that is so strong it can conquer even death. Jesus wanted them to know Him as God, as the Way, the Truth and Life Himself.

4. **God loves us – 神爱我们**

- a. Love is a commitment to do what is best for another
 - b. God wants us to come to trust that this is true! How can we fall into our heavenly Father's arms if we don't trust Him.
 - c. John 15:12-13 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. 约翰福音 15:12-13 “你们要彼此相爱，像我爱你们一样。这就是我的命令。”
 - d. "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. 人为朋友舍命，人的爱心没有比这个大的。
5. Many of us get mad at God and do not think that He loves us, because of something bad that happened to us or to a loved one. But have you considered that there might be more going on in God's story that He wants to bring about in your life? Did you know you can hinder God's work and prevent His plan by rejecting God?
6. Keep listening

D. Sometimes God waits to expose our **false assumptions and expectations about Him**. When God waits, He wants our faith in Him to grow ---有时神等待是要为要显露出我们对祂错误的设想和期望

In this chapter, there are many false assumptions and expectations about Jesus.

1. First, Jesus' disciples thought Jesus waited because Lazarus was sleeping, so they assumed Jesus wasn't in a hurry because He knew Lazarus was getting better
 - a. John 11:11-13 "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." ¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep." 约翰福音 11:11-13 “我们的朋友拉撒路睡了，我去叫醒他。” 门徒说：“主啊，他若睡了，就必好了。” 耶稣这话是指着他死说的，他们却以为是说照常睡了。
 - b. But Jesus corrected their assumption, and explained that He had waited for the purpose of revealing Himself to them as the One who

has victory over dead and the grave so that God would be glorified in Him.

c. **John 11:14-16** ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, **so that you may believe**. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” 约翰福音 11:14-16 耶稣就明明地告诉他们：“拉撒路死了。我没有在那里就欢喜，这是为你们的缘故，好叫你们相信。如今我们可以往他那里去吧。”多马，又称为低土马，就对那同作门徒的说：“我们也去和他同死吧。”

d. **Jesus wanted them to come to know and believe Him for who He truly is.** 耶稣要他们来认识相信他真正是谁。

2. **The disciple, Thomas, also had a false expectation.** 门徒，多马，也有一个错误的期待

a. He’s the one who said, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” 他就是那个说“我们也去和他同死吧”的那个人

b. This is a humorous part of the story that shows us Jesus invites all kinds of people to follow Him – even very negative ones.

Remember, Thomas was the disciple who would later say that he would not believe Jesus resurrected from the dead unless he touched the wounds in His hands and side.

i. Thomas knew the religious Jewish leaders were trying to kill Jesus, so he might have thought Jesus waited because of that. Or, he was just a very pessimistic person.

ii. So he said, “Sure, let’s all go and die together!”

iii. Jesus did not scold Thomas this time.

3. When Jesus and His disciples finally come to the outskirts of Bethany, Martha meets him there, and expresses her expectations:

a. **John 11:21-27** “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “**if you had been here, my brother would not have died.**”²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” (She didn’t believe Jesus IS God.)

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” ²⁵ **Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.** The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” 约翰福音 11:21-27 马大对耶稣说：“主啊，你若早在这里，我兄弟必不死。就是现在，我也知道，你无论向神求什么，神也必赐给你。”耶稣说：“你兄弟必然复活。”马大说：“我知道在末日复活的时候，他必复活。”**耶稣对她说：“复活在我，生命也在我。**信我的人虽然死了，也必复活；凡活着信我的人必永远不死。你信这话吗？”马大说：“主啊，是的，我信你是基督，是神的儿子，就是那要临到世界的。”

- b. Martha then went and got Mary who was mourning in the house. Mary had the same expectation of Jesus:
 - i. John 11:32 ³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 约翰福音 11:32 马利亚到了耶稣那里，看见他，就俯伏在他脚前，说，主阿，你若早在这里，我兄弟必不死。
- c. Many of the Jewish people who had followed Mary from the house to where Jesus was had the same expectation as well, especially of someone who had loved Lazarus:
 - i. John 11:33-37 ³³ When Jesus saw her (Mary) weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. 约翰福音 11: 33-37 耶稣看见她哭，并看见与她同来的犹太人也哭，就心里悲叹，又甚忧愁便说，你们把他安放在哪里？他们回答说，请主来看。
 - ii. ³⁵ Jesus wept ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how he loved (*“phileo”*) him!” 耶稣哭了。犹太人就说，你看他爱这人是何等恳切。

iii. ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” 其中有人说，他既然开了瞎子的眼睛，岂不能叫这人不死吗？

4. Jesus failed all of their assumptions and expectations of Him.

5. Why did Jesus wait to show up until Lazarus was not only dead, but 4 days dead and in the tomb?

6. **He was about to demonstrate something about who He is.** To do so, Jesus had to expose their false assumptions and disappoint their expectations about Him: 祂是要表明祂是谁

i. In ancient Israel, in those days, people buried the dead on the day of death. So, for Jesus to arrive after Lazarus had already been dead 4 days, Martha and Mary knew Jesus had waited – and they thought He loved them! Why did he wait?!?! 在古代的以色列，那时候死者在死亡的那天就被埋葬了。所以，耶稣在拉撒路死后四天才到，马大和马利亚知道耶稣在等—她们在想，耶稣爱她们！他为什么要等?!?!

ii. “tradition in Judaism ... that the soul after death does not immediately depart the deceased, but hovers over the body for a period of three days, during which time resurrection is possible.... He was determined to arrive ... (after) resurrection was no longer possible.” (184) “犹太教的传统..... 人死后灵魂不会立即离开死者，还会在身体上盘旋三天时间，在此期间复活是可能的..... 他决定到达..... 在不再有复活的可能性之后。”

iii. **Jesus waited ... timing his arrival in such a way that he got to Bethany on the fourth day – when resurrection was no longer possible!** When Lazarus was finally resurrected a very important point emerged – **resurrection is not something that Jesus does, resurrection is something that Jesus is (John 11:17-40).**¹ 耶稣等待着...在第四天这样一个时机来到伯大尼—那时再也没有复活的可能！当拉撒路最后复活，显示出了一个重要的观点—耶稣不是来实现复活，耶稣就是复活！

¹ Dr. Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg, “Why Did Jesus Wait?” Israel Bible Weekly, May 11, 2018 Accessed August 2, 2018, <https://weekly.israelbiblecenter.com/why-did-jesus-wait/>

- iv. What do you believe about Jesus? Were you saved so that Jesus could make your life better? Easier? Take care of your problems? Fix things? Just go to heaven? Has God failed to live up to your assumptions and expectations about Him?
 - v. **Jesus wants you to know Him (not just about Him) – He wants you to truly come to know Him, trust Him, believe in Him -- He IS Life! 耶稣要你认识他（不仅仅了解他）—祂要你真认识他，信靠祂，相信祂——祂就是生命！**
- b. Jesus was deeply touched by the pain of Martha and Mary and the mourners there at Lazarus’ tomb. God wept. But even though God feels our pain and cries with us and for us, **God is not moved into action by our expectations, our assumptions, or even our pain.** 神不会因为我们的期望，我们的假设，甚至我们的痛苦而行动。
- c. **God is moved by His great love for us. God acts in order to propel us into a place of greater faith in Jesus and Love for Him. And this changes us – this transforms our lives.** 神因他对我们的大爱而行动。神动工是为了叫我们对祂更大的信心，更深的爱。这改变了我们—转化我们的生命。
- E. **Sometimes God waits because He wants to increase our faith, which transforms our lives and others.** 有时神等待是为要提升我们的信心，转化我们的生命和他人的生命
1. **For us to see the glory of God, we need to trust Him enough to obey even when we don’t yet understand** 为使我们看到神的荣耀，我们需要对祂有足够的信任并顺服，即使还在我们不明白的时候
 - a. **John 11:38-³⁸** Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said. **“But, Lord,”** said Martha, the sister of the dead man, **“by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”** 约翰福音 11:38 ³⁸ 耶稣又心里悲叹，来到坟墓前。那坟墓是个洞，有一块石头挡着。耶稣说，“你们把石头挪开。”那死人的姐姐马大对他说，“主阿，他现在必是臭了，因为他死了已经四天了。”

- b. ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴⁰ 耶稣说，我不是对你说过，你若信，就必看见神的荣耀吗？

 - c. ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴¹ 他们就把石头挪开。耶稣举目望天说，父阿，我感谢你，因为你已经听我。⁴²我也知道你常听我，但我说这话，是为周围站着的众人，叫他们信是你差了我来。

 - d. ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” ⁴³ 说了这话，就大声呼叫说，“拉撒路出来！”⁴⁴那死人就出来了，手脚裹着布，脸上包着手巾。耶稣对他们说，“解开，叫他走。”
2. Notice verse 40: “If you believe, you will see the glory of God” 注意经文 40 节：“你若信，你必看见神的荣耀”
- a. In the Gospel of John, the word “believe” is not used as a noun, it is used as a verb. “Believe” and “faith” come from the same word. 在约翰福音中，“信心”或“相信”这个词不是当作名词用的。而是作为一个动词。“相信”和“信心”来源于同一个字。

 - b. Faith is not used as a set of doctrines, or statements that we believe in. No. John uses the word “faith” as a verb: believe in, place the weight of your hopes, fears, and expectations upon the person of Jesus Christ. Trust in Jesus no matter what happens in life. Rely on God in every circumstance in life, no matter how confusing, no matter how difficult, no matter how painful.

 - c. Believe that God is good and is at work to show His love and to demonstrate His glory.

 - d. Wait for God to show up and actively place your trust Him, even when you have to wait for God to show up.

2. There Lazarus was, dead, stinking, rotting... but Jesus told his sister's to have the stone rolled away. They could have refused.
 - a. Before Jesus called out, "Lazarus, come out!" He waited for their response of faith to His challenge. What if they had refused? What if they had said, "No, Jesus – we don't believe you. It's too late. There's no hope. Nothing can be done. Go away."
 - b. "Is anything too hard for the LORD?" (Gen 18:14) 耶和华岂有难成的事吗？(创世记 18:14) This is what God said to Abraham and Sarah when her womb was as dead as a tomb – when it was impossible for her to have a child. But when God told Sarah she would be a mother at 90 years old, the New Testament commentary in Hebrews 11:11
 - c. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. “因着信，连撒拉自己，虽然过了生育的岁数，还能怀孕。因他以为那应许他的是可信的。”（希伯来书 11:11）
 - d. Jesus said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God." (Luke 18:27) 耶稣说，“在人所不能的事，在神却能。”（路加福音 8:17）
3. **Sometimes, God is waiting for us to come to Him and wait for Him.** 有时候神在等待我们来等候祂

F. CONCLUSION: Why does God wait in this narrative?

1. **To show us His glory through the power and love of Jesus Christ at work in our situations and difficult circumstances** 藉着耶稣基督的大能和爱在我们的环境和艰难处境中的作为，来彰显神的荣耀
2. **To show us His love** 向我们显明神的爱
3. **To expose our false assumptions and expectations about God.** 为要显露出我们对祂错误的设想和期望
4. **To increase our faith, which transforms our lives and the lives of those around us. (For us to see the glory of God, we need to obey even when we don't yet understand** 提升我们的信心，转化我们的生命和他人的生命。

(为使我们看到神的荣耀，我们需要顺服神，即使还在我们不明白的时候)

G. What about you? 你要怎么做?

a. Is there something in your life is dead and stinking that you need to allow Jesus to speak to and say “Lazarus, come out!” Perhaps a hope, a dream, something that God has spoken to you about that seems impossible?

b. God is inviting you to trust Him.

i. Psalm 27:13-14 诗篇 27:13-14

¹³ I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. 我若不信在活人之地得见耶和华的恩惠，就早已丧胆了

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD. 要等候耶和华。当壮胆，坚固你的心。我再说，要等候耶和华。

ii. Isaiah 30:15-18 v.18 “以赛亚书 30:15-18

In returning and in rest, in quietness and in confidence will be your strength...

你们得救在乎归回安息，你们得力在乎平静安稳...

*Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you,
And therefore He rises up to have compassion on you.
For the LORD is a God of justice;
How blessed are all those who wait for Him.
(my translation from the Hebrew)*

耶和华必然等候，要施恩给你们。必然兴起，好怜悯你们。因为耶和华是公平的神。凡等候他的，都是有福的。

iii. To see God’s glory will require laying down our own expectations and allowing God to help change our assumptions and our stinking thinking – and to wait upon the Lord, keeping our focus upon Him, and waiting, expecting God to show up in His way and in His time.

iv. It will require stepping out in faith to “Roll away the stone!” when He gives the command, even when we think that sounds illogical to us.

4. **“If you believe, you will see the glory of God.” (John 11:40)** “你若信，就必看见神的荣耀。”（约翰福音 11:40）
5. Trust in Jesus no matter what happens in life. Rely on God in every circumstance in life, no matter how confusing, no matter how difficult, no matter how painful. Believe that God is good and is at work to show His love and to demonstrate His glory. Wait for God to show up and trust Him.
6. **What about you? Will you come to Jesus right now and place your trust in Him?** 你呢？你是否现在就来到耶稣面前，信靠祂？

Benediction:

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ 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.” (1 Pet 5:6-11)

所以，你们要自卑，服在 神大能的手下，到了时候，他必叫你们升高。你们要将一切的忧虑卸给 神，因为他顾念你们。

务要谨守，警醒。因为你们的仇敌魔鬼，如同吼叫的狮子，遍地游行，寻找可吞吃的人。你们要用坚固的信心抵挡他，因为知道你们在世上的众弟兄也是经历这样的苦难。那赐诸般恩典的 神曾在基督里召你们，得享他永远的荣耀，等你们暂受苦难之后，必要亲自成全你们，坚固你们，赐力量给你们。愿权能归给他，直到永永远远。阿们！（彼得前书 5:6-11）