**Marinating in God's Word:**

**1 Peter 5:6-11**

Here’s an easy summary of the gospel: the Good News says this, therefore do that. But not all Good News is easy news. And not all the “do that” directions are easy tasks. Even so, it’s well to know the Good News and act accordingly.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

* Here’s a news report: you’re not God! What are some factors that set you apart from God? And here’s some more news: you are made in the image of God! What are some factors in you that reflect the One who made you like himself?
* When you catch yourself worrying, what is the most common topic? How could you cast that anxiety on him (v. 7)?
* In addition to telling us why we can be at ease (God cares for you – v. 7), Peter tells us that we should also be alert to perils. Why? What perils do we face?
* Peter specifically mentions perils that come our way the devil. How do you understand the devil? Is he just a personification of an evil force? Or is he a real being? If a real being, what is he like?
* The metaphor Peter uses here is ravenous lion (v. 8). How is that fitting? How have you experienced his attacks?
* Peter tells us to resist the devil. How can we do so? What is the source of our spiritual authority?

Next Sunday is Pentecost, and we will focus on the Pentecost story in Acts 2:1-36.