

**Stand**

# Ephesians 6:10-18

- “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand** against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**. 14 **Stand** therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints”

# Stand

- “Stand” is found 267 times in the Bible.
- In Biblical usage, stand means “to be steadfast in what God would have one to stand.”
- Jer. 6:16 - “Thus says the LORD: **Stand** in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it.”
- Ex. 9:13 - “Then the LORD said to Moses, Rise early in the morning and **stand** before Pharaoh, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: Let My people go, that they may serve Me’”

# The Bible Says To Stand

- No greater measure of faithfulness than standing
  - 1Cor. 15:1-2 - “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you **stand**, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.”
  - Eph. 4:14 - “That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting”

# The Bible Says To Stand

- Converting the Christians
  - Eph. 4:20-24 - “But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

# The Bible Says Stand Still

- Occasionally miss important matters because one isn't standing still
  - Ex. 14:13 - “And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid. **Stand still**, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.”

# The Bible Says Stand And See

- 1Sam. 12:13-19 - “Now therefore, here is the king whom you have chosen and whom you have desired. And take note, the LORD has set a king over you. 14 If you fear the LORD and serve Him and obey His voice, and do not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue following the LORD your God. 15 However, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you, as it was against your fathers. 16 Now therefore, **stand and see** this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes: 17 Is today not the wheat harvest? I will call to the LORD, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking a king for yourselves. 18 So Samuel called to the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. 19 And all the people said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of asking a king for ourselves.”

# The Bible Says Stand And See

- Choices of men have consequences that God will not remove
  - 1Sam. 12:20-25 - “Then Samuel said to the people, ‘Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. 21 And do not turn aside; for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing. 22 For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people. 23 Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way. 24 Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. 25 But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.’”



# The Bible Says Stand And Speak

- Go, stand, and speak
  - Acts 5:20 - “Go, **stand** in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.”
  - Acts 5:21, 25 - “And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 25 So one came and told them, saying, Look, the men whom you put in prison are **standing** in the temple and teaching the people!”

# The Bible Says Stand And Speak

- Acts 5:27-33 - “And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28 saying, ‘Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!’ 29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: ‘We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. 31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.’ 33 When they heard this, they were furious and plotted to kill them.”

# The Bible Says Stand And Speak

- Eternal life is too important to risk it over social niceties
  - James 4:14, 17 - “Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

# The Bible Says Stand And Speak

- Acts 20:25-29 - “And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.”

# The Bible Says Stand Against Sin and Error

- Eph. 6:11 - “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand** against the wiles of the devil.”

# The Bible Says To Stand Fast

- 1Cor. 16:13 - “Watch, **stand fast** in the faith, be brave, be strong.”
- Didn't say it would be easy
  - Matt. 7:13-14 - “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

# The Bible Says To Stand Fast

- Sometimes you may have to stand alone. Others have, and so can you.
  - 2Tim. 4:16-18 - “At my first defense no one **stood** with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. 17 But the Lord **stood** with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!”

# The Bible Says To Stand Fast

- Gal. 5:1 - “**Stand fast** therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”
- Phil 1:27 - “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you **stand fast** in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel”
- Phil. 4:1 - “Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so **stand fast** in the Lord, beloved.”
- 1Thes. 3:8 - “For now we live, if you **stand fast** in the Lord.”
- 2Thes. 2:15 - “Therefore, brethren, **stand fast** and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.”



# The Bible Says We Will Stand Before God

- Rom. 14:10-12 - “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all **stand before** the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written: As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”
- 2Cor. 5:10 - “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”



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*(Ephesians 6:13-14ff)*