



EQUIPPED #1 - STAND STRONG IN THE LORD

Ephesians 6:10-18

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¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to **STAND FIRM** against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be **STANDING** firm. **Ephesians 6:10-13**

THE CALL TO SPIRITUAL VIGILANCE

SPIRITUAL WARFARE **IS REAL**

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **Ephesians 6:12**

STAND AGAINST **THE ENEMY**

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **1 Peter 5:8**

STAND AS A SPIRITUAL **LEADER**

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity **1 Timothy 4:12**

STAND AGAINST **ADVERSITY**

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him **James 1:12**

STAND FOR **VICTORY**

⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. **1 Cor. 15:57-58**

STAND WITH A **PURPOSE**

¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 2:10**

WE STAND **ON FAITH**

But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. ² When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. **Isaiah 43:1-2**

¹² But there are some Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have put in charge of the province of Babylon. They pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up.” **Daniel 3:7-12**

Prioritize God's Commandments

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33**

Courage in the Workplace

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9**

Influence Through Example

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” **Matthew 5:16**

Trust God in Difficult Times

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸ But even if he doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.” **Daniel 3:16-18**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5-6**

FAITH OVER FEELING

FAITH MEANS OBEYING REGARDLESS OF FEELINGS

TRUE FAITH IS NOT TRUE FAITH OBEYS THE LORD AND TRUSTS

TRUE FAITH DOESN'T LOOK FOR AN OUT

TRUE FAITH CONFESSES THE LORD REGARDLESS OF CONSEQUENCE.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What fruit is your marriage bearing?

What are the signs of life?

What are the signs of not living?

Bearing fruits is a result of our obedience, what are areas of obedience that need work?