

Stand: And Know Your Enemy

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Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 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. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

1. OUR ENEMY IS SPIRITUAL

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12 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.

1 Peter 5:8-9

8 Be self-controlled and alert. 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 your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

2. OUR CALLING IS TO STAND FIRM

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11... take your stand against the devil's schemes. 13... when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves... to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Corinthians 15:58

... stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

3. OUR STRENGTH COMES FROM THE LORD

Ephesians 6:10

... be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. We fight from God's strength, not our own.

Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Philippians 4:13

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Series Challenge

Read **Eph 6:10-18** every day during the four weeks & pray this prayer...

“Lord, today I choose to stand strong in Your strength. Help me put on Your full armor, stand firm against the enemy, trust Your promises, wield Your Word faithfully, and pray without ceasing. May I live today for Your glory. Amen.”