



Message 3

At War? STAND UP!

“so that you can take your **STAND against the devil”**

“when the day of evil comes, **STAND your ground”**

“STAND** firm then...”**

Excerpts from Ephesians 6:11,13,14

1 Corinthians 10:13 gives us this assurance: *“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that **you can endure it.**”* The ultimate victory is not about clever strategies, self-discipline, or our brute strength or resolve. Victory is about trusting in what Christ has already accomplished on the cross, obeying his leading, and standing in the power he provides. But understand. This “STAND UP” is not passive. It is active. It is bold. We not only avoid the enemy’s traps – but we stand firm, resist with courage, speak wisely, and live in triumph!

1. WE STAND FAITHFUL IN THE MIDST OF SATAN’S SCHEMES

- Temptation is not a sign that we are _____ *Hebrews 4:15-16* – “help in time of need”
- God’s faithfulness is not _____ - it is practical! He provides: Scripture (Matt. 4); a body to carry burdens (Gal. 6:2); prayer to receive strength (Phil. 4:6-7); and Spirit to empower resistance (Rom. 8:13).
- So, we stand _____ God’s provisions to show the way out. Satan **entangles**. God **empowers**!

2. WE STAND STRONG IN THE STRENGTH GOD PROVIDES

- The Bible often refers to taking a stand for God. It is a posture of _____. It’s a military term meaning to “hold your ground”, to refuse retreat, stand firm in your assignment. Standing strong is not what you do _____ the battle; it is when you do _____ the battle! *Exodus 14:13; 2 Chronicles 20:17; 1 Peter 5:9* – all are active obedience, confident resistance, and full trust!
- Here are some areas to stand strong in:
 - **Stand Up** for _____ *Acts 5:27-32, 41-42*
 - **Stand Up** for _____ *Acts 17:22-31*
 - **Stand Up** for _____ *Acts 4:8-13*
 - **Hold On** to your _____ (*Proverbs 4:25-27*) over compromise, convenience
 - **Hold On** to your _____ (*Philippians 4:7*) when anxiety rages in you & others
 - **Hold On** to your _____ (*Hebrews 11:1*) when God is contradicted by world

3. WE STAND FIRM IN THE WAYS GOD HAS CHOSEN FOR US

God always provides “the way out.” Joseph ran from the room. Daniel kept praying. Jesus confronted the Devil.

- Sometimes **the way out** is _____ when you want to run or quit. *2 Corinthians 12:9*
- Sometimes **the way out** is _____ instead of panic. *1 Peter 5:7*
- Sometimes **the way out** is _____ instead of concealing it. *James 5:16*
- Sometimes **the way out** is _____ instead of the noises of this world. *Colossians 3:16*
- Sometimes **the way out** is _____ that shifts or clarifies your perspective. *Psalms 34:1*
- Sometimes **the way out** is _____ instead of isolation. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

You are in a war. This is a lifelong spiritual war! Unseen but U ndeniable. Subtle but Fierce. Constant but Winnable. But remember this: God provides the path, but he will not force you to take it. So, CHOOSE RIGHT and STAND UP!