

## Stand Firm

### 1 Corinthians 16

**Main Idea:** Paul's final instructions to the Corinthians remind us of the necessity of standing firm together as the body of Christ.

#### The necessity of standing firm as the body of Christ in generosity

- *<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. <sup>2</sup> On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. <sup>3</sup> And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.*

- Acts 20:35

Are we relying on the gracious provision of God for generosity?

- 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

#### The necessity of standing firm as the body of Christ on mission

- *<sup>5</sup> I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, <sup>6</sup> and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. <sup>7</sup> For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. <sup>8</sup> But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, <sup>9</sup> for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.*

- Colossians 4:2-4

- *<sup>10</sup> When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. <sup>11</sup> So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.*

*<sup>12</sup> Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.*

Are we relying on the gracious presence of God to stay on mission?

- Acts 18:5-11

#### The necessity of standing firm as the body of Christ in courage

- *<sup>13</sup> Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.*
- Joshua 1:9

Are relying on the gracious of provision of God for courage?

- 2 Timothy 1:7

#### The necessity of standing firm as the body of Christ in love

- *<sup>14</sup> Let all that you do be done in love.*
- *<sup>15</sup> Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints— <sup>16</sup> be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. <sup>17</sup> I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, <sup>18</sup> for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people. <sup>19</sup> The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. <sup>20</sup> All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.*
- *<sup>21</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. <sup>22</sup> If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! <sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. <sup>24</sup> My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

- Luke 10:27

Are we relying on the gracious provision of God to love?

- 1 John 4:7