

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“I Expect Him to Stand Firm”

“12 Expectations of Your Pastoral Leadership” – Pt. 12

Philippians 4:1; 1 Corinthians 15:58 & Selected

“Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.” Philippians 4:1

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV

I Can Stand Firm...

I. When I know the future God has planned for me!

See 1 Corinthians 15:50-56

II. When I know that victory is already mine!

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57

III. When I know what I believe is truth!

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable...” Vs. 58b

“He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.” Titus 1:9

When You Know What You Believe...

- **You don't move just because the enemy attacks!**

"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 firm."

Ephesians 6:13

"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world."

1 Peter 5:8-9

- **You don't move just because of suffering.**

"Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good." 1 Peter 4:19

- **You don't move just because of pressure to compromise.**

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."

1 Corinthians 16:13

IV. When I know I have work to do for God!

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord." Vs. 58c

"Then they said to Him, 'What must we do, to be doing the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.'" John 6:28-29

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12

V. When I know I'm making a difference!

"...knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." Vs. 58d