

**Setting the Context**

John 15:33 – “In the world you have tribulation, but take \_\_\_\_\_; I have overcome the world.”

Acts 14:22 – “Through many \_\_\_\_\_ we must enter the kingdom of God.”

2 Timothy 3:12 – “Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be \_\_\_\_\_.”

The assault on the church comes from three sources:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_
2. The \_\_\_\_\_
3. The \_\_\_\_\_

As a result of these assaults, church life involves a great amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

Notes about the Philippian church:

**Stand Firm**

The preceding passage (3:12-21) describes the believer’s pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_.

Stand firm =

Standing firm is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Standing firm indicates someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ and unwavering.

A concern for believers’ spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ permeates the New Testament. Notes on this theme:

Spiritual instability leads to disappointment, \_\_\_\_\_, discouragement, and an ineffective \_\_\_\_\_.

**In the Lord**

The Lord Jesus Christ provides the perfect example of \_\_\_\_\_ for us who await our \_\_\_\_\_.

Ways Christ stood firm:

**Application**

Ways in which I am unstable and shaky in my faith:

Things I can do (with the Holy Spirit’s help) to prepare myself to stand firm: