

# Stand Still & Go Forward

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### **I. The moment of testing from the unforeseen events.**

A. Adversity, circumstances, tough issues, persecutions, the world hating us, spiritual attacks should not be a surprise to us, especially knowing that these are the last of the last days before Jesus returns.

### **1 Peter 4:12 (AMP)**

“12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which is taking place to test you [that is, to test the quality of your faith], as though something strange or unusual were happening to you.”

### **John 16:33 (AMP)**

“33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]”

B. What are we dealing with here? (Spiritually, Mentally, and Physically)

#### **1. Kingdom of darkness.**

### **Ephesians 6:11-13 (NKJV)**

“11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 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.”

#### **2. The world (humanity at large that is not born again) influenced by the devil.**

### **1 John 5:19 (AMP)**

“19 We know [for a fact] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] lies in the power of the evil one [opposing God and His precepts].”

### **Ephesians 2:2 (AMP)**

“in which you once walked. You were following the ways of this world [influenced by this present age], in accordance with the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit who is now at work in the disobedient [the unbelieving, who fight against the purposes of God].”

C. The devil creates his own culture of rebellion, disobedience that dishonors God, this created culture opposes everything that is in Jesus and His Church, and the devil creates lifestyles that are contrary to God’s way of life.

### **Romans 1:18-32 (TPT)**

“18 For God in heaven unveils his holy anger breaking forth against every form of sin, both toward ungodliness that lives in hearts and evil actions. For the wickedness of humanity deliberately smothers the truth and keeps people from acknowledging the truth about God. 19 In reality, the truth of God is known instinctively, for God has embedded this knowledge inside every human heart. 20 Opposition to truth cannot be excused on the basis of ignorance, because from the creation of the world, the invisible qualities of God’s nature have been made visible, such as his eternal power and transcendence. He has made his wonderful attributes easily perceived, for seeing the visible makes us understand the invisible. So then, this leaves everyone without excuse. 21 Throughout human history the fingerprints of God were upon them, yet they refused to honor him as God or even be thankful for his kindness. Instead, they entertained corrupt and foolish thoughts about what God was like. This left them with nothing but misguided hearts, steeped in moral darkness. 22 Although claiming to be super-intelligent, they were in fact shallow fools. 23 For only a fool would trade the unfading splendor of the immortal God to worship the fading image of other humans, idols made to look like people, animals, birds, and even creeping reptiles! 24 This is why God lifted off his restraining hand and let them have full expression of their sinful and shameful desires. They were given over to moral depravity, dishonoring their bodies by sexual perversion among themselves—25 all because they traded the truth of God for a lie. They worshiped and served the things God made rather than the God who made all things—glory and praises to him for eternity of eternities! Amen! 26–27 For this reason God gave them over to their own disgraceful and vile passions. Enflamed with lust for one another, men and women ignored the natural order and exchanged normal sexual relations for homosexuality. Women engaged in lesbian conduct, and men committed shameful acts with men, receiving in themselves the due penalty for their deviation. 28 And because they thought it was worthless to embrace the true knowledge of God, God gave them over to a worthless mind-set, to break all rules of proper conduct. 29 Their sinful lives became full of every kind of evil, wicked schemes, greed, and cruelty. Their hearts overflowed with jealous cravings, and with conflict and strife, which drove them into hateful arguments and murder. They are deceitful liars full of hostility. They are gossips 30 who love to spread malicious slander. With inflated egos they hurl hateful insults at God, yet they are nothing more than arrogant boasters. They are rebels against their parents and totally immoral. 31 They are senseless, faithless, ruthless, heartless, and completely merciless. 32 Although they are fully aware of God’s laws and proper order, and knowing that those who do all of these things deserve to die, yet they still go headlong into darkness, encouraging others to do the same and applauding them when they do!”

### **John 15:18-20 (AMP)**

“18 "If the world hates you [and it does], know that it has hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you belonged to the world, the world would love [you as] its own and would treat you with affection. But you are not of the world [you no longer belong to it], but I have chosen you out of the world. And because of this the world hates you. 20 Remember [and continue to remember]

that I told you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also."

### **3. The flesh, your physical body that is not redeemed but still corrupt.**

#### **Romans 6:12-13 (AMP)**

"12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts and passions. 13 Do not go on offering members of your body to sin as instruments of wickedness. But offer yourselves to God [in a decisive act] as those alive [raised] from the dead [to a new life], and your members [all of your abilities—sanctified, set apart] as instruments of righteousness [yielded] to God."

D. The devil does not stop trying to stop us, scaring us, persecuting us, and attacking us spiritually, mentally, and at times, physically.

#### **Luke 4:13 (AMP)**

"13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he [temporarily] left Him (Jesus) until a more opportune time."

#### **1 Corinthians 16:9 (NKJV)**

"9 For a great and effective door (promising opportunities) has opened to me, and there are many adversaries."

**II. How do we see all of this affecting the children of Israel as they came out of the bondage of Egypt and walking in the freedom that God gave them?** This is an example for us!!

A. Their enemies came to capture them and bring them back into the bondage and slavery that God had delivered them out of, the devil knows where you have been, where you are right now, but only God knows your future!! What was the devil's number one weapon against them?

### **1. Fear!!!**

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- Fear erased everything God had done for them in Egypt, to the Egyptians, and erased the promise of going to the mountain to worship Him.
- Fear propelled them into a mental state of anxiety and worry.

- Fear caused their imagination run wild and run away from their experience of God's love, grace, mercy, power, deliverance, and faithfulness and run with the imagination of death, destruction of their families, and total annihilation.
- Fear caused them to be angry, frustrated, disappointed, and they began to verbally to attack the one who God used to bring them God's word of deliverance and instruction.

a. How should they have reacted to this situation and attack?

### **2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (KJV)**

“3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”

**Moses said, Don't Be Afraid, Stand Still And SEE The Salvation of God, Which He Will Accomplish Today!!!**

### **Altar Call: Colossians 1:13-14 (NKJV)**

“13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”