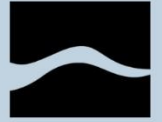


# SERMON NOTES

## STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH

### 1 Corinthians 16:13



**BIG IDEA:** In life, we will regularly be faced with the temptation to compromise the truths of God's Word. But through the encouragement of Scripture, we can stand firm in the faith.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

In what ways does Scripture tell us to stand firm? Why is it important that we do so? (Galatians 5:1; Philippians 4:1; Ephesians 6:13)

What type of faith is Paul exhorting the Corinthians to stand firm in? (Jude 3; 1 Corinthians 15:1; Philippians 1:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:13–15)

Are there areas where the church today is not standing firm in the faith? If so, why is this happening and what are the consequences?

## APPLY

Of the six areas of temptation that were mentioned (Fear and Uncertainty, Suffering and Difficulties, Convenience, Approval of Others, Fleshly Indulgence and Earthly Pursuits, Discontentment and a Covetous Heart), which one is most challenging for you? Why is it challenging, and how can you stand firm?

Can you think of a time where you stood firm in the faith though you were tempted to waver? Or a time when you did not stand firm? What were the consequences?

Which biblical examples of standing firm are most encouraging to you, and why?

## COMMIT

Think about a specific area you may be tempted to compromise your faith this week. Read Hebrews 11 and ask the Lord to give you the same unwavering courage of those who stood firm in the faith.