

Your Will Be Done 2: Stand

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I. Beginning With the End in Mind

Matthew 24:10–14 (NIV) ¹⁰ At that time **many will turn away from the faith** and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and **many false prophets will appear and deceive** many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness/lawlessness, **the love of most will grow cold**, ¹³ but he who **stands firm to the end** will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Jesus' casualty warnings and instruction:

- 1) Some self-select out
- 2) Some are casualties of deception
- 3) Some lose their love
- 4) Solution is for all to stand firm

Why we don't need to be afraid:

Galatians 3:1–3 (NIV) ¹ You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by **believing what you heard**? ³ Are you so foolish? After **beginning by means of the Spirit**, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

 You began by **believing** the message Faith

 You **recognized** God's Word in your spirit Holy Spirit

We are saved by faith and a supernatural work of God. The only way we can stand in the last days is to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and rely on the supernatural help of God's Holy Spirit.

II. The Importance of Hearing

John 10:27 (NIV) ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me.

 **Are we listening for God?**

III. Standing is About Character

Ezekiel 22:30 (NIV) ³⁰ "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and **stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land** so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one."

INTERCESSORS:

- A) See what God is doing
- B) Seek to save and deliver
- C) See themselves in humility

A Biblical Example: **Esther**

Esther 4:14–16 (NIV) ¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" ¹⁵ Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

IV. God Stands Behind His Word

Isaiah 66:8 (NIV) ⁸ Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? **Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?** Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to give His life for me. Help me to hear Your voice every day. I want to stand to the end. Teach me and use me. May Your will be done. In Jesus' name, Amen.

This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

- Sat Rest Sun Luke 9:1-17; Job 17-20 Mon Luke 9:18-27; Job 21-23
 Tue Luke 9:28-36; Job 24-28 Wed Luke 9:37-50; Job 29-31
 Thur Luke 9:51-62; Job 32-34 Fri Luke 10:1-16; Job 35-37 Sat Rest