

**stand:**  
what and why?

*a life of character. a life of power.*



# Purpose

- ★ I want us to live a life filled with deep joy and a fulfilling purpose.
- ★ I want us to be a family of healthy families known for integrity and strong character.
- ★ I want us to be a family of empowered families that supernaturally demonstrates the power of God by destroying the work of the devil and doing good.

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# Goal

★To understand character and it's process of development so we are carriers of hope, standing joyfully and triumphantly in any situation. (*Ephesians 6:10-14, Romans 5:3-5, Colossians 4:12*)

★I want us partnering with God, by taking risks and believing God will demonstrate His goodness with supernatural power. (*Acts 1:8*)

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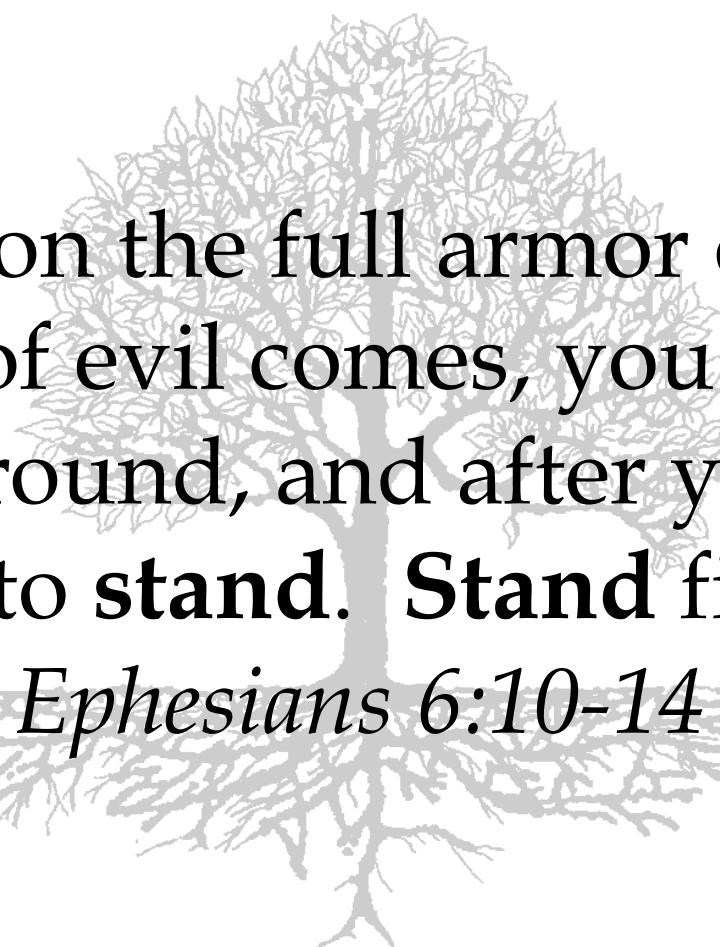
Ancient Roman  
Soldier Sandals  
with spikes.





“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your **stand** against the devil’s schemes.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand** your ground, and after you have done everything, to **stand**. **Stand firm then....”**

*Ephesians 6:10-14*



# What is character?

It's the greek word, *dokime*, (Romans 5:4) used to describe metals that had been tested and determined to be pure.

The result of "proving"; having endured.

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# What is power?

It's the greek word, *dunamis*, (Acts 1:8) that means "might or ability." Our word "dynamite" comes from *dunamis*. It's explosive power and the result of the Holy Spirit's indwelling.

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# Why is this important?



1. Leadership
2. Fidelity
3. Credibility
4. Societal Transformation
5. Recapturing Wonder and Beauty
6. Birthing

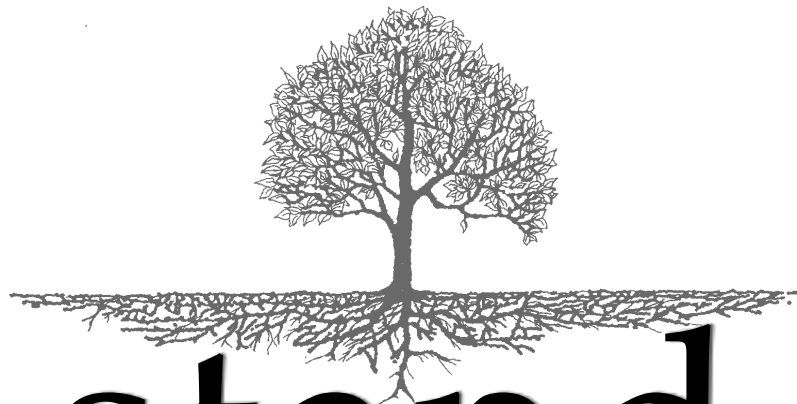
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# Application

1. Be aware of the spiritual season you are in and what Christ is doing in you. (*Legacy Marriage Groups, Discipleship Groups*)
2. Accept the lesson God is trying to teach you.
3. Embrace hiddenness.
4. Be patient.
5. Ask Jesus for a fresh baptism in the Holy Spirit.



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