

Stand your Ground Together - Part 2 NOTES

To stand your grounds means to hold your position and refuse to retreat during a spiritual battle or trial.

Philippians 1:27 NASB “Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent. I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Ephesians 4:1-5 NIV “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

True unity goes deeper than surface level peace or getting along; it is being joined together under Christ, who is the head of the church.

Unity can take years to build but seconds to destroy, so it must be guarded, preserved, and defended.

To stand on your ground means to refuse to change position. It also means to say “No” to retreat or lose your advantage in the face of opposition.

With unity, the mission gets accomplished. Without unity, we fail.

John 17:20-23 NIV

Quote: Unity is not a song. It is a strategy, responsibility, and approach to advancing God's kingdom and seeing His presence manifested on earth

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

"I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."

Satan's overall strategies rarely changes -whatever he can divide, he can conquer Mark 3:24 NIV

We must remember that in this battle we are not fighting *for* victory; we are fighting *from* victory.

Romans 15:5-6 (NLT)"May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

When we are one, we will overcome. When we are not one, we will be overrun.

2 Tim. 1:13-14 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard

the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

It's a deposit – something that one person has placed in trust to another person's safekeeping.

1Tim. 1: 18a-19 NKJV

Phil. 2;1-4 NLT “Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”

***The causes for not standing our grounds together...
Selfishness - Personal prestige - Pride - Self-Interest and unforgiveness (bitterness)***

How will we stand together in the days ahead:

RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST - Love - Unity

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.””

John 13:34-35 NIV

The only way to get Christians on the same page is to get them in line with Christ's purpose.