



STANDING BEGINS WITH SURRENDER!

EPHESIANS 6:10-13

Ephesians 6:10-13, *A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.*

I. God wants us to realize the strength to stand begins with HIM- not us! Ephesians 6:10; ISA 40:29; 2 COR 12:9

Isaiah 40:29, *He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.*

2 Corinthians 12:9, *My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*

II. God wants us to remember that our battle is not against people. EPH 6:11;

Ephesians 6:11, *Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.*

Ephesians 6:12, *For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.*

C.S. Lewis once wrote, *There is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan.*

III. God wants us to realize that standing requires surrender! Luke 22:42; James 4:7; 2 COR 12:10

Luke 22:42, *Not my will, but yours be done.*

James 4:7, *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*



2 Corinthians 12:10, *When I am weak, then I am strong.*

IV. God wants us to fight in the reality that we stand covered in His armor. Ephesians 6:13, Exodus 14:14, ISA 54:, 1 John 4:4

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The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. Exodus 14:14

No weapon formed against you shall prosper. Isaiah 54:17

Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

1. So today, if you feel weak—stand.
2. If you feel overwhelmed—stand.
3. Not because you're strong enough, but because your Savior is.

APPLY GOD'S TRUTH:

1. Are You Standing in God's Strength—or Striving in Your Own?
2. Where in your life are you worn out because you've been fighting solo?