

STAND
Stand in Strength

"Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

Today, we begin with this foundational truth:

Standing begins with surrender, not to fear, but to God's strength.

"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."

Ephesians 6:10-13

1) The Strength to Stand Begins with _____, Not You

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." **Ephesians 6:10**

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."

Isaiah 40:29

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9

In the kingdom of God, weakness is not a defect.

It's an invitation. It's when we finally **let go and let God**.

2) Our Battle Is Not Against _____ and _____

"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

Ephesians 6:11

"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."

Ephesians 6:12

So often, we try to fight spiritual battles with earthly strategies.

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

Every square inch, every split second.

"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." **Colossians 2:15**

- **We don't fight for victory.**
- **We fight from it.**

Our battle originates from a place of victory, triumph, and the divine sacrifice of Jesus' death on the cross.

3) Standing Requires _____

True strength is found in surrendering our will to God's.

Jesus shows us this in the Garden of Gethsemane.

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

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

The paradox of the Christian life is this:

- The more we let go, the more we are held.
- The more we surrender, the more we stand.

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

Surrender isn't passive. It's the most powerful act of trust.

4) God Doesn't Call You to Fight Alone – He Calls You to _____

"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."

Ephesians 6:13

"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).

Are You Standing in God's Strength or Striving in Your Own?