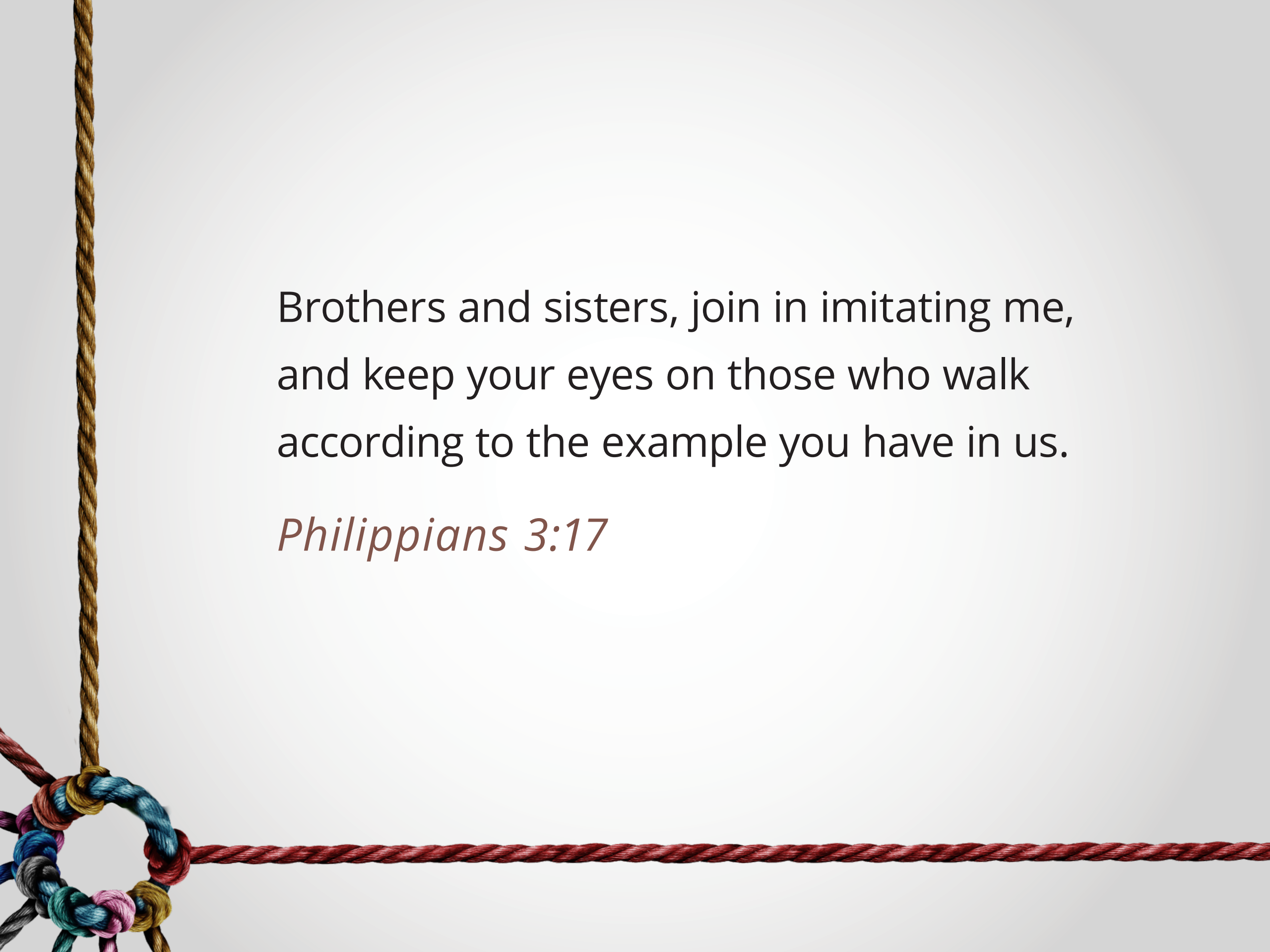




PHILIPPIANS

STANDING FIRM

Philippians 3:17–4:1



Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me,
and keep your eyes on those who walk
according to the example you have in us.

Philippians 3:17

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Find Someone To Imitate

We need to surround ourselves with people who are living lives worthy of the Gospel.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Who are the people that you are trying to be like?



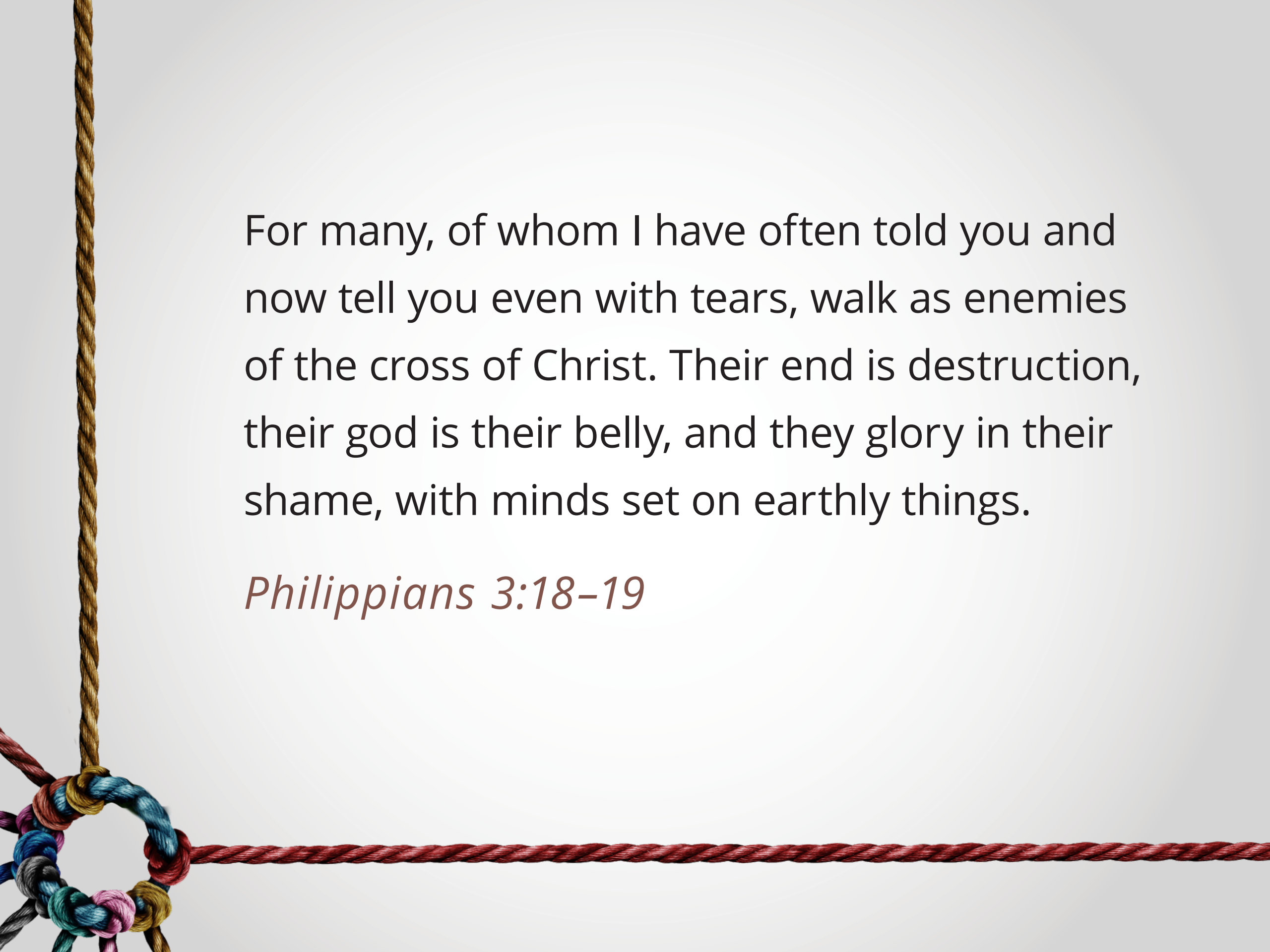
Be Someone To Imitate

The world needs to see that the Christian life is one that is able to be lived out.

For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

John 13:15

Are you following the example of Christ?



For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

Philippians 3:18-19



Why We Don't Imitate Enemies Of The Cross

Their end is destruction.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life;
whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life;
but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 3:36

Are you on a path to destruction?

Why We Don't Imitate Enemies Of The Cross

Their god is their belly.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:12-13

What are you filling up on?



Why We Don't Imitate Enemies Of The Cross

They glory in their shame.

Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Romans 1:32

Are you celebrating your sin or the sin in other's lives?



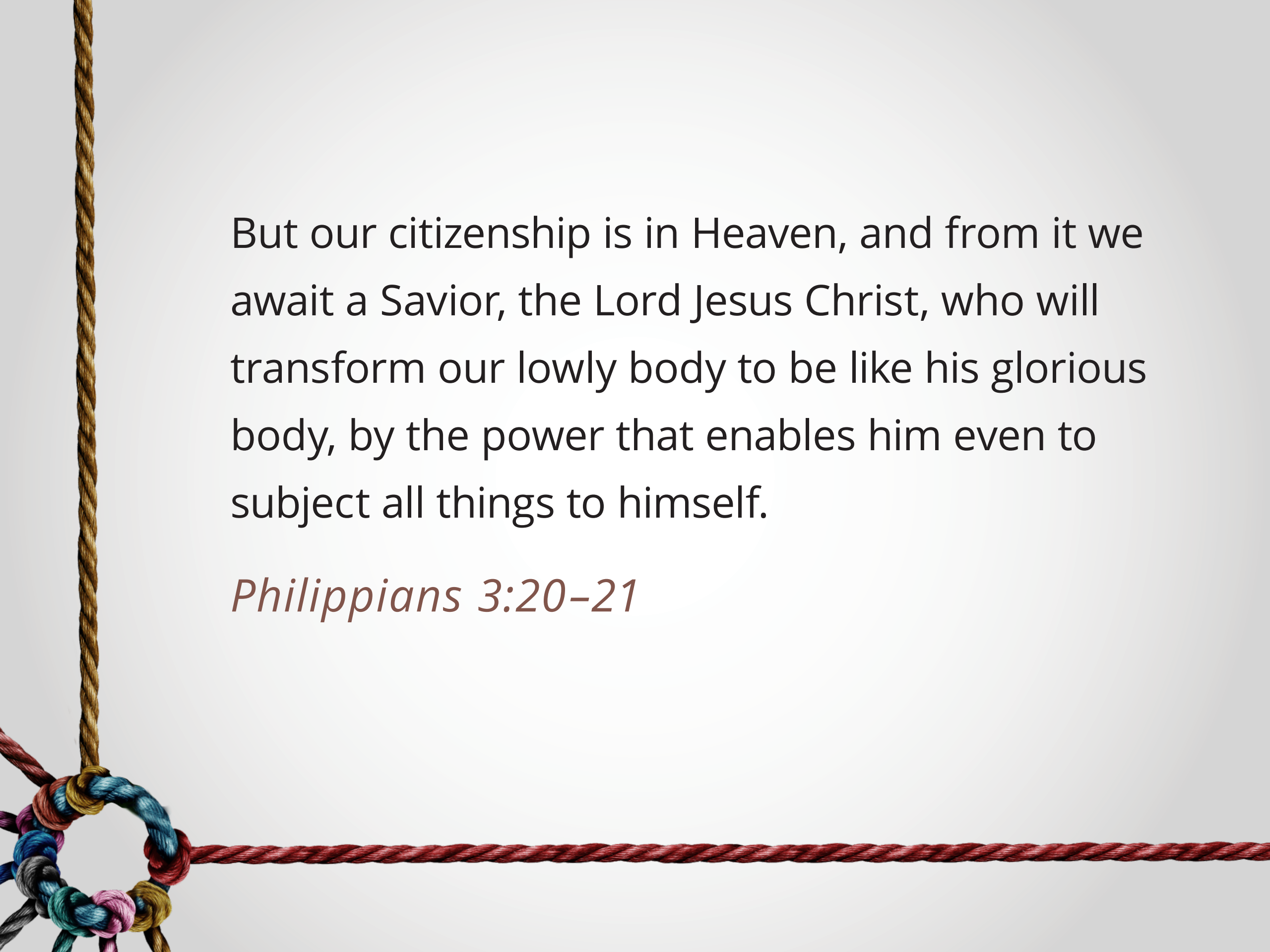
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Their minds are set on earthly things.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11-13

What is your mind set on?



But our citizenship is in Heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:20-21



Our Citizenship Is In Heaven

The Christian serves a King and a Kingdom.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Who are you serving?



Our Expectations Are Great

The Christian has so much to look forward to, and it all begins and ends with Christ.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14:3

Are you ready to meet the Lord?

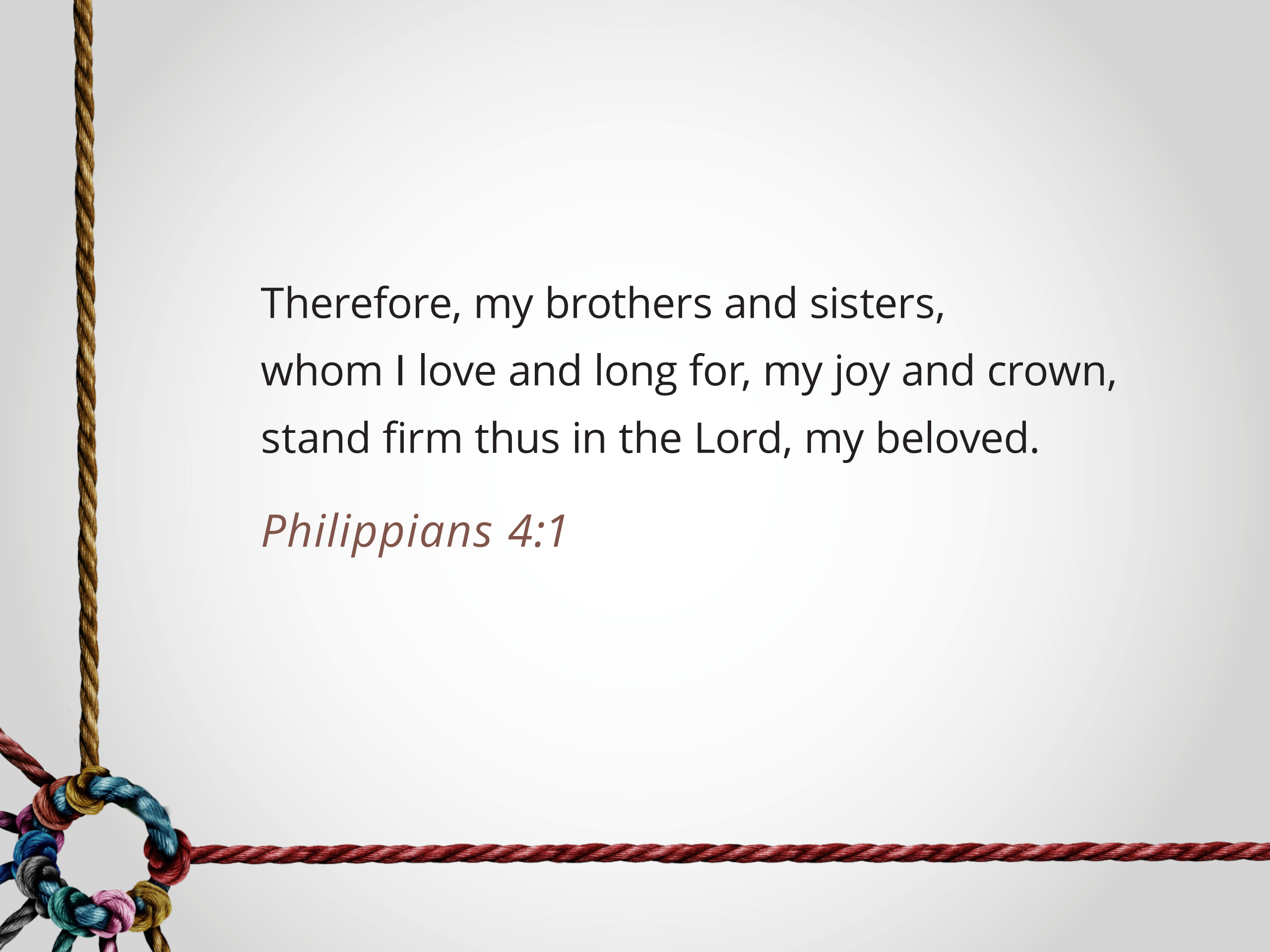
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Our Transformation Will Be Glorious

Jesus makes all things new, including our bodies.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

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Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Philippians 4:1



Stand Firm

We are called to stand firm in our upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:13

Are you standing firm on the truth of the Gospel?