

STANDING FIRM IN GRACE

1 Peter 5:12-14



STANDING FIRM REQUIRES AUTHENTIC TESTIMONY

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1 PETER 5:12

GOD'S KINGDOM ADVANCES THROUGH AUTHENTIC, FAITHFUL BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO CARRY THE MESSAGE NOT JUST IN THEIR WORDS, BUT IN THEIR WEATHERED HANDS AND WORN-OUT SHOES.

STANDING FIRM REQUIRES ANCHORING TRUTH

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THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO STAND FIRM IN GRACE: NOT IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH, BUT IN THE TRUE GRACE OF GOD THAT HOLDS YOU WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE GIVES WAY.

STANDING FIRM REQUIRES AFFECTIONATE TOGETHERNESS

**She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen,
sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.**

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**DESPITE THE MILES AND PERSECUTION,
THEY ARE UNITED AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE.**

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**GRACE DOESN'T JUST FORGIVE FAILURES; IT TRANSFORMS
FAILURES INTO SERVANTS, POURS COURAGE INTO COWARDS,
AND DESERTERS INTO DISCIPLES.**

STANDING FIRM REQUIRES ACTIVATED TOUCH

Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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**EVERY KISS WAS A SMALL REVOLUTION AGAINST
THE WORLD'S WAY OF DIVIDING PEOPLE.**

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**IN OUR TOUCH-STARVED, DIGITALLY ISOLATED WORLD, THE CHURCH
SHOULD BE A PLACE WHERE APPROPRIATE, HOLY TOUCH REMINDS
PEOPLE THEY ARE VALUED, THEY ARE LOVED, THEY ARE FAMILY.**

STANDING FIRM RESULTS IN ASSURED TRANQUILITY

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**THE STORMS OF LIFE STILL RAGE, BUT WE HAVE PEACE BECAUSE
WE'RE HIDDEN IN THE ONE WHO CALMS STORMS WITH A WORD.**



**YOU'RE NOT STANDING IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH.
YOU'RE STANDING IN GRACE — TRUE GRACE,
TESTED GRACE, PROVEN GRACE, SUSTAINING GRACE.**

**YOU ARE IN CHRIST, AND CHRIST IS IN YOU,
AND NOTHING CAN CHANGE THAT REALITY.**



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