

To Stand Strong In the Battle to Walk

Ephesians 6:10-12

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I. Finally, my brethren,

Act 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

Act 20:22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

Act 20:23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

Act 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Act 20:25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

Act 20:36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Act 20:37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

Act 20:38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

2Ti 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

II. Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might

A. Previous teachings about God's power and strength

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead...

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

B. The greatness of God's Almighty strength and power

Jos 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

1Ch 28:20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness...

2Co 12:10 ...for when I am weak, then am I strong.

C. We need God's strength so that we might be able to walk the walks

Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

III. Put on the whole armour of God

A. First, put on Christ Himself—Then the armor will fit the person

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

B. God has proved that He can defeat giants with the most farfetched of weapons

1Sa 17:38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

1Sa 17:39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed (*attempted in mental weakness*) to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him.

1Sa 17:40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones...

Jdg 7:22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow...

Jos 6:20 ...and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat...

Joh 18:11 ...Put up thy sword into the sheath...

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

V. That ye may be able to stand

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**.

Eph 6:14 **Stand** therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Jud 1:24 Now unto him that is **able to keep you from falling**, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is **able to do exceeding abundantly above** all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful**, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, **that ye may be able** to bear *it*.

VI. Against the wiles of the devil

A. It is urgent that we understand Satan's tactics

2Co 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

B. Satan is constantly prowling for those he may cast down (but not destroy)

Job 2:2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Luk 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:

Luk 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

C. Satan is intent on taking glory from Christ and the gospel from Christ's people

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

D. Jesus withstood Satan with the written word

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Mat 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Mat 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

VII. *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*

A. Our battle is not with men—Our battle is with perhaps the most powerful angel

Eph 2:2 ...the prince of the power of the air...

Luk 22:53 ...this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

B. Jesus is greater than any and all angels—including Satan

Joh 12:31 ...now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

1Pe 3:22 ...angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Rom 8:38 ...neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers...

Rom 8:39 ...shall be able to separate us from the love of God...

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

1Jn 4:4 ...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.