

Phil. 4:1

I have entitled this message “ Still Standing or stand fast in the Lord”

Let us stand for the reading of God’s Holy Word.

Phil. 4:1

Let us pray.

You may be seated.

Exhortation #1

Stand Fast - 1st command of chapter 4.

Be of the same mind in the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord.

Do not worry

Think on the right things

6 times in the N.T.

Twice in this book

This is a Constant encouragement to us from the Bible to Stand FAST.

Stand and to remain standing – idea of endurance, to persevere - no quit, giving up

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye **continue** in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

STEADFASTNESS.

To do the right thing is good, but to stand fast in it is better.

Many people will do right at the beginning but when the pressure comes, they wilt like ice cream in July.

Seed that grew but when tribulation /persecution ariseth because of the Word. He is offended. Matt. 13:21

Examples of people who stood and some dropped out while others kept standing.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast (settled), unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Be set in the Lord, like rebar standing out of concrete, not shoestrings.

I Cor. 16:13 Watch, stand fast in the Faith - These are our convictions/beliefs/doctrines

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

This verse Gives the idea of a force, a church force in Philippi.

Police force/military force

The people of God standing together for the faith, for truth, for the cause of Christ.

Many churches are standing for political causes.

We need to stand for and we need to stand against.

For Christ, for truth, for Righteousness

Against sin, evil, things that God is against.

There were times in History when the individuals/church stood and they died.

3 boys in Daniel

Stephen

What does the church stand for today? against today?

Some stand fast in their Churchmanship,

Religion = Presbyterianism, Methodism, Baptist, Independency;

No, stand fast in the Lord.

Stand fast in Him! Stand fast in the Lord!

This is a favorite phrase of Paul.

It has a common ring in the NT, Stand, to Stand.

1 Corinthians 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (law).

The main thrust of standing is that of continuous steadfastness in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:13-14 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. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Verse 13. With Stand *In the evil day all the fiery darts.* oppose and resist

The day of temptation, stand; the day when we are violently assaulted.

The day of Trial: the day when the winds blow against us.

And having done all, to stand. "or overcome."

Verse 14

How should we stand?

Having our loins girt/ belted about with Truth.

God's Truth is permanent. It's a Firm Foundation.

the Bible does not change.

What was true yesterday, is true today and tomorrow.

What was sin yesterday, is sin today.

Christian stability is rooted in the truth and application of the Bible.

We hear and we do!

The only stable foundation is the Bible practiced and lived out.

We cannot stand fast on sinking sand, or on a muddy field.

That's why cleats were invented or mud grip tires.

“In the Lord”

They were to stand fast not by themselves but in His might/strength.

THE STRENGTH BY WHICH TO STAND is in the Lord.

There is much difference naturally among men, but the strength needed is not our own.
It is of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

1.Stand fast doctrinally.

In this age, many churches are pulling up their anchors, and drifting with the currents, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine. Eph. 4:14.

We must be anchored to truth and be standing on the Word of God.

Counterfeit/false religion/false doctrine

2.Stand fast in Holy living/lifestyle.

Discernment is broken down; We need Revival in manners, respect, work ethic, dignity, human body.

The church has been combining God and devil into one service and church people are doing the same thing.

Come out from among them and be ye separate. II Cor. 6:14-18
light/darkness, righteousness/unrighteousness

Strive together to maintain our purity as disciples and our common work.

3. Stand fast without wavering.

Permit no doubt, no compromise, no excuses, no double thinking, no apologies.

7 days of creation

God created them male and female

Marriage is between a man and a woman

And all of this is found in the first few pages of God's Word.

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1:8

4. Stand fast without wandering. Be where we are supposed to be.

Be faithful - eyes, minds, hearts, attendance, reading, marriage.

Many honor God with their mouth but their hearts are far from HIM.

5. Stand fast without wearying/tiring/pressing forward.

Do not grow weary in well doing. Gal. 6:9

We need to run with patience the race that is set before us. Heb. 12:1

6. Stand fast without warping.

Having our minds and lives corrupted, twisted and compromised.
Lumber, when it is green, is apt to go this way or that.

And so I say to you, stand fast.

The Bible says about Jesus that He set His face like a flint in Isaiah 50:7.

Referring to His suffering and death. He stood fast.

We must Stand Fast in the Lord.

Let us stand for closing invitation

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