

STAND FIRM

Once God has planted His seed of the gospel in you, it starts to grow roots. Over time, your faith will grow into a strong, enormous tree that produces fruit. But will this tree (you) withstand the storms of life when they come? When the storms of life hit us hard, what is it that we should stand firm upon?

Stand firm in the _____ of _____.

Stand firm in the _____ of _____.

Stand firm in your _____.

Stand firm when you're _____ because of _____.

Stand firm and lift your head for _____.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. Have you ever stood firm in your faith and it cost you something? Friendship? Position? Promotion? How were you able to stand up for your beliefs in the midst of the pressure to give in to a anti-biblical stance?

Digging Deeper

2. "When the day of evil comes, you may stand your ground" (Ephesians 6:13). In Ephesians 6, we are told to stand firm many times. We are in a battle, and so we must take on the armor of God. Read through verses 10 to 18 and ask yourself if you are lacking in any of the spiritual armor.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 16:13. Memorize this verse. Start your morning praying this verse to God. Watch God instill within you alertness, courage and strength.
4. 1 Corinthians 15:58 tells us to "let nothing move you." What are some convictions that you will never waver on? What are some things that have changed in your life over the years that you have found to not be foundational to your faith? How do you discern what is changeable and what is worth dying over?

Applying the Word to Life

5. The next time you see a lie perpetrated that contradicts God's truth, confront it in a gentle manner. Pray first for God to give you the courage to address the falsehood and then in Christ's love contend for the faith.
6. Start encouraging other Christians around you to stand firm in their convictions. Start with your family and those closest to you. Strengthen them as they exhibit a weaker faith than you. Help them see how they have given in to certain ungodly beliefs because they want to be liked and not hated.