

THE BATTLE IS ON. STAND FIRM!

Ephesians 6:10-13

- Stand firm in God's strength.

- Stand firm, aware of and against our enemy.

- Stand firm, wearing God's armor.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When you read verse 10, what makes you fearful that God might not be strong enough to handle your fears, weakness and failures? What verses can you think of that you should memorize in order to quell those fears?
2. Read Psalm 1:1 - 3. What are the things David says a blessed man does not listen to? And what does he do to counteract those lies (verse 2)? What are the results (vs 3)?
3. Verse 11 says our wrestling isn't against flesh and blood. How does this relate to our previous studies in Ephesians 5:21 – 6:9? What are some of the lies Satan tells us when we have conflicts with each other? Why is it important that we live sacrificially toward each other and forgive quickly? See also 2 Corinthians 2:8, 10 – 11.
4. Read the following verses together and talk about what our enemy is really like. How does he use these characteristics to draw us away from God's love and protection? Mathew 4:3, John 8:44, 1 Peter 5:8, 2 Corinthians 11:13 – 15, 4:4 and John 10:10.
5. In verse 11 we read "put on the whole armor of God"...and again in verse 13 it says, "take up the whole armor of God." What is the "whole" of God's armor and how do we put it on? Also think about some of the things we are tempted to put on, thinking it will protect us when we are fearful, discouraged or hurt.
6. The word "stand" in the Greek means, to remain, to abide, to continue in. apply that definition to verse 13 when it says, "having done all, to stand firm".

