STAND FIRM

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Four Truths:

1) Living the Christian life requires _____ .

Ephesians 6:10 (NLT) (10) A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

John 15:5 (NLT) (5) "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

Philippians 4:13 (NLT) (13) For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

2) We are in a _____ .

Ephesians 6:11–12 (NLT) (11) Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. (12) For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

> **THE STRATEGY AND GOAL OF THE DEVIL IS TO PULL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS AWAY FROM GOD AND THE TRUTH.**

James 1:14–15 (NLT) (14) Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. (15) These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

> **WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL THAT WE DON'T BECOME SO FIXATED ON WHAT THE DEVIL IS DOING THAT WE TAKE OUR EYES OFF THE ONE WHO HAS ALREADY DEFEATED HIM.**

Colossians 2:15 (NLT) (15) In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Hebrews 2:14–15 (NLT) (14) Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. (15) Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

3) Putting on the _____ is essential to stand against the devil's strategies.

Ephesians 6:11 (NLT) (11) Put on **all** of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

Ephesians 6:13 (NLT) (13) Therefore, put **on every piece** of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

> **PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD IS NOT A CHECKLIST WE DO. INSTEAD, IT IS CHOOSING EVERY DAY TO LIVE IN WHO JESUS IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US.**

4) We need to _____ and other followers of Jesus to be strong and stand against the devil's strategies.

Ephesians 6:18–20 (NLT) (18) Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (19) And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. (20) I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

Romans 8:26–27 (NLT) (26) And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. (27) And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NLT) (16) Always be joyful. (17) Never stop praying. (18) Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

> **BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND HIS MIGHTY POWER!!!!**

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