

Title: Called to Stand
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- God convicts
- Devil condemns

We must stand in the power of His might

Ephesians 6:10 -13

¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

New Testament Grace and Old Testament Law. **Source of grace: Jesus Christ (the cross)**

John 1:17

¹⁷For the Law came through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Murder in the heart

Matthew 5:21-22

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.

Adultery in the heart

Matthew 5: 27-28

²⁷“You have heard that it was said to those of old ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

What grace is not

1. Grace is not mercy – more

Hebrews 4:16

¹⁶Therefore let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2. Grace is not a license to sin

Romans 5:20

²⁰But the Law entered so that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound,

3. Grace is not a crutch

Romans 5:21

²¹so that as sin has reigned to death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Accountable to God

Romans 3:19

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

1 Peter 4: 4-5

⁴They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵But they will have to give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Weapons

1. Accountable to one another

James 5:15-16

¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

2. Fasting

The purpose of fasting

- Fasting, like prayer is a focused exercise.
- We may trust God for a specific breakthrough in our own life or in somebody else's life. Whether that breakthrough is financial or relational there's always a set goal we want to accomplish when we fast.
- Another goal may be that of maintaining one's spiritual sensitivity and fortitude through fasting as a regular discipline - especially in the case of an active commitment to the ministry of intercession and/or deliverance

When and not if.

Matthew 6:16

¹⁶ "When you fast, do not be like the hypocrites", - He did not say if you fast.

3. Prayer

Jude 20

²⁰But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

4. Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. ⁷For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.

Revelations 4: 11

¹¹"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

5. Meditation

Psalm 1:1-3

¹Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Joshua 1:8

⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

6. God's word

Ephesians 6:17

¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

The word of God is our Sword

Hebrews 4:12

¹²For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Jesus said

Matthew 4: 4,7

⁴But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"

Matthew 4:10

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” ¹¹Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

1Timothy 6:12

¹²Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.