

THE BASIS OF ALL OUR BATTLES STARTS IN THE MIND

Whether we can win our battles is determined by whether we can stand, withstand and furthermore stand in the arena of the Mind.

The Word tells us though we wage war on the enemy, the battle HAS been won. The test is to have a strong mind; a weak mind will faint in battle.

What is weak? Weak is that which has not been made strong, not being able to withstand. How you ask? By the renewing your mind. Paul says when he is weak, **I AM** strong. (2 Corinthians 12:10)

If your mind faints, you faint. If you give over to your mind you will fall. So meditating on His Word and growing in prayer strengthens you and builds your faith to **STAND**. God has grace for that.

If you are not ready to stand; then you need to strengthen yourself according to the Word. Let's go back two steps to Ps Larry's messages: rest, get strong, meditate on scripture about who you are in Christ; before you try stand and fall over. Just like a child learning to stand we have to get our standing legs strong.

A survey was done with five successful people - taking everything away from them that they had successfully built. Another five unsuccessful people were given a head start, however, it was a matter of time before the successful five started a new venture and were doing well again and unfortunately the unsuccessful five were back to where they were before, almost worse off than before and had lost all they were given.

There is something different about how these people think, successful people think differently, act differently and make different decisions in the same circumstances the others were in. Because they see differently.

Exodus 5:1-3 AMP Afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let My people go, so that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.'" [2] But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go." [3] Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go on a three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God, so that He does not discipline us with pestilence or with the sword."

And it was the same with Moses and the Egyptians.

God appoints Moses to rescue the Israelites. Pharaoh is king of Egypt and sees himself as a god. He rules over the Israelites and resists Moses when God sends him to deliver the Israelites.

Moses cries to God "Pharaoh is not listening to me!!" God tells him 'I AM'
Start to see yourself differently, start to see yourself as I am, start seeing yourself through God.



There was a shift: before, Pharaoh looked down on Moses, now Moses stood in God - the image of the 'I AM', Moses no longer feared Pharaoh, and he no longer saw himself as a slave.

When our thinking changes from slave to free we start living differently. No one would ever STAND and demand a thing like give me your slaves from any king. It would mean war. Pharaoh was up against God and the devil is up against us and we are in God, so we no longer have to live in the bondage of Satan.

Moses was timid until he saw who he was in God, then there was a shift. When Moses walks into Pharaoh's palace next time as a king in God's eyes Pharaoh is afraid. Now Pharaoh is saying, "Go, Moses, Go and take them with you"... and Moses leaves with his Israelites.

It all starts with the way you see yourself and changing the visual part of your brain with God's Word. How you see yourself, renewing your mind and getting the right perspective of who are through His Word; by changing how you see yourself over to how God sees you in the warfare.

Standing on God's Word empowers you to change the way you think, see and do things while you're standing.

This is where the two gods go to war. The God of the 'I Am' Triumphs; and the horse and rider are thrown into the sea.

When you begin to see yourself as God sees you and your mind is renewed you realize the battle is won. **When** you stand in prayer, you stand confident, eyes fixed on your God, receiving His salvation over you, your heart covered in His love for you, with Faith in His Word as you lift your shield in defense and wielding the sword as your feet are planted on the solid ground of peace. The Armour of God participates together as you speak, the shield goes up and the sword cuts off, the feet firm, the breastplate fixed and the belt tightened as you are trusting in God fighting in a kingdom that cannot be shaken! Your feet are firm and swift.

Ephesians 6:10-20 AMP In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might. [11] Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] **stand** up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places. [13] Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and **stand** your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to **stand** firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious]. [14] So stand firm and hold your ground, HAVING TIGHTENED THE WIDE BAND OF TRUTH (personal integrity, moral courage) AROUND YOUR WAIST and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (an upright heart), [15] and having strapped on YOUR FEET THE GOSPEL OF PEACE IN PREPARATION [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news]. [16] Above all, lift up the [protective] shield of faith with



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which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. [18] With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people. [19] And pray for me, that words may be given to me when I open my mouth, to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news [of salvation], [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains. And pray that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly and courageously, as I should.

STAND (being prepared and ready to, lean against God or resist) see yourself through the eyes of the 'I AM'

WITHSTAND in the evil day (leaning against the I AM, bracing yourself, girding your loins) while the I AM is fighting for you.

STAND (let patience and long suffering having had its full work) THE I AM is at work

STAND (holding onto the Word and or the Promises that God gave you). "Tell Pharaoh I AM"

- Put on the utility belt of truth, tighten your convictions and integrity
- And having put on the breastplate of righteousness, hope and love **standing** - where? BE in right standing with God
- Strap your feet - **with?** The preparation, you were resting and sitting in His presence, meditating on His word.

When? When you were young in the Lord, but now you are mature and should be able to **stand**.

With what? *The shield of faith —*

How? *We speak the scriptures because faith cometh by hearing the word, and receive the word into our hearts.*

- and the sword of the Spirit - your choice weapon of warfare

HOW? With all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end - still standing after all.

Standing in the position of victory, having been planted firmly, having stood, withstood and still standing he stands holding up the victor's crown. Praying continually in all perseverance and requests for all the saints (praying for him and others in the fight).

When we stand on the battlefield which is the area of our mind, if we faint in our mind the battle is lost. **We MUST STAND in our minds until the end.**

Isaiah 59:19 NKJV So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

Joshua 10:19 NKJV And do not stay there yourselves, but pursue your enemies, and attack their rear guard. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand."



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The evil day is only one day. It must end there.

Ephesians 6:10 YLT As to the rest, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might;

STAND is an **ACTIVE** position.

Bracing for impact

- # The three standing positions in Ephesians relate to how we stand in war against the enemy.
- Waiting, Resisting and Overcoming the enemy.

What's going on when we are standing in these positions:

- Stand - Firm in Christ
- Withstand - Against the enemy
- Stand - in prayer = victorious

A. Preparation is the first instruction to standing firm and ready to stand - correct understanding of scripture;

strong core belief standing = STRONG

B. Postures relating to different circumstances
Stand - WAITING IN the Rest, ready, prepared

Withstanding - you are braced for impact

You lean into God and stand against the enemy.

Stand - Still Standing. Praying - Praising and giving Thanks

Standing having acquired the victory. (Confidence in knowing victory is ours and we fight from victory not for victory).

Stand - Tall

Psalm 92:12 NKJV The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

- A type or picture of the righteous man

- I. It's Uprightness
- II. Its Fruitfulness
- III. Its Beauty
- IV. Its Elasticity
- V. Its Ultimate Triumph

1. Standing - in right standing with God, abiding in the vine and in His will.



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2. Standing in your rest - even when the storm is raging around you, you are on dry and stable ground (your word from God) I will not leave you nor forsake you. Whenever we are trusting God, where our feet rest or are planted by the river of living water. (Psalm 1)
3. Strapped with peace - the confidence of the foundation of the Word of God steadies your feet.
4. He will steady your foot upon the rock: steady, stable and secure in high places. He keeps us in the cleft of the rock. Sometimes in order to go higher our feet need to be steady and safe in His love, His peace and His Word.

WITHSTAND - to remain undamaged or unaffected

Withstanding and knowing where and how to distribute your weight or pressure in the circumstance will be determined by your relationship with the Holy Spirit and with God.

'Be still and know that I am God'

1. Whatever you face: look not to the left or to the right. But those whose mind is stayed upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Renew your mind receive the Word into your heart by putting on the helmet of salvation.
2. In order to withstand in the battle we cannot let go of our mind. Those who faint in the day of trouble are weak... proverbs
3. Training so that we can strive toward the upward goal. Setting aside those things that beset us... Pressing forward...Leaning into pushing against... Withstand whatever the enemy throws at you. Keep your balance keep your eyes on the things above. look upward.
4. Posture of a sturdy footing is being able to resist against the enemy or leaning back against God and the enemy like the tree when the wind blows. Allow the word to keep you flexible and elastic.
5. Stand firm on the prophecies of God's Word that He has given you. They will keep you in the times when you want to give up.
6. Stand on the promises of God, the Rhema Word. Prophetic or revelation.

STAND

1. When all is said and done and the battle is over how will you be standing.
2. Much time with Jesus and the Holy Spirit determines the strength of relationship and degree of victory.
3. Victory comes from knowing what Christ has done for you and standing on it.

Your starting point to being able to standing tall. Being firmly placed in the pastures of peace, flourishing like the palm trees at the banks of His love. Standing the test of time against the enemy of your soul. Still standing after the evil day as you hold the crown victoriously. Still stood!



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