

A Season to Stand Firm and a Season to Go...

Do God's word to us sometimes seem like a contradiction? Stand. Go. How do I do both? In the story of Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20, God's word to His people: "Station yourselves, stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord....go out to face them."

Standing firm is a common call to us throughout scripture. Standing firm produces stability and resilience....and it strengthens us for the obedience of the "go".

In Ephesians, standing firm requires "girding our loins with truth" and putting on righteousness (Eph. 6:14). The circumstances of today, the enemies coming against us require us to pursue truth and walk in righteousness. We must discern Truth when truth has become relative and walk in righteousness when tolerance and compromise have invaded not only the culture but also the church.

STAND FIRM; spread Truth; live righteously!

Standing firm is connected with being alert (1 Cor. 16:13). Many of our enemies are subtle, sneaking up on us, disguised as "good". And being "locked down" and quarantined, separated from other believers and even our families can leave us vulnerable to the quiet enemies of discouragement, hopelessness, fear...

Stay alert and STAND FIRM. Go and face your enemies.

In Corinthians standing firm is connected with having authority over our own will (1 Cor. 7:37) and letting nothing move us (1 Cor. 15:58).

STAND FIRM.

Standing firm is not standing still, but requires us to "give ourselves fully to the Lord" - to "go" in obedience, to walk out His purposes as he leads us.

God is calling us to STAND FIRM in this season, promising that as we do, we will be saved (Mt. 10:22) and we will win life (Luke 21:19).

STAND FIRM in freedom. (Gal. 5:1)

STAND FIRM in what you've learned and been taught (2 The. 2:15)

STAND FIRM in grace (1 Pet. 5:12)

STAND FIRM in dependence (Ex. 14:13)

STAND FIRM in your faith (Is.7:9)

God is calling us to GO and face our enemies (remember they are to flesh and blood), standing on Him, following His guidance, listening to His Word and words to us....

....and we will "see the deliverance that the Lord will bring." (2 Chron. 20:17)

*(Have I said STAND FIRM enough times?
God says it many more times...can you find
other references in His Word? I know that He
has been speaking it to my heart as I stand
against the enemies in my life)*



Go out and face them ...