



# FIRM IN THE FAITH

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# Foundational Scriptures

Be alert, **stand firm** in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Do everything. in love. 1 Cor. 16:13-14

For freedom Christ has set us free. **Stand firm** then and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery. Take note! I, Paul, tell you that if you get yourselves circumcised, Christ will not benefit you at all. Again I testify to every man who gets himself circumcised that he is obligated to keep the entire law. You who are trying to be justified by the law are alienated from Christ; you have fallen from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision accomplishes anything; what matters is faith working through love.

Galatians 5:1-5

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Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are ***standing firm*** in ***one spirit, in one accord, contending together*** for the ***faith of the gospel***, not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your deliverance—and this is from God. **Philippians 1:27-29**


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Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to **take your stand**.

Ephesians 6:10-13

whether you  
realize it or not

YOU ARE PART OF AN  
EPIC BATTLE,  
and GOD does not want  
HIS daughters  
UNARMED or  
CAUGHT UNAWARE.

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# *Firmness in Faith*

## **Firm:**

- Solid, unwavering, resolute; strong at the core or center, committed.

## **Faith:**

- Belief and commitment to and in God and His eternal being and Word.
- “The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11).
- Trust
- Confidence

# *Firm in the Faith*

“War is a terrible thing. But if you’re going to get into it, you’ve got to get into it all the way.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower

“I sense that many Christians are defeated in their Christian lives because they are not *seriously* engaged in the warfare to which we are called.” J.C. Ryle

“This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for Him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God’s way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness.”

— **Elisabeth Elliott**

the attacks on your life  
HAVE MORE TO DO WITH  
who you might be <sup>\*\*\*</sup>  
[IN THE FUTURE]  
than who you have been  
IN THE PAST

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# ***What Does It Mean to Stand Firm in the Faith?***

- **Courage under and in the fire. (Joshua 1)**
- **Strength is forged in battle and refined in intimacy with God**
- **Love in all things, especially when it is hard (1 John, 1 Co. 13)**
- **Depend upon God Alone**
- **Your Identity in Christ the King (John 15)**
- **Refusal to Fear and the Necessity of Rest**
- **Being aware of bondages and snares**
- **Unity in the body (John 17)**
- **Ready and Steady in battle**

the  
Spirit  
of a  
WARRIOR  
resides within  
YOU

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