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KINGDOM LIVING

Keep Watching ... Stand Firm

1 Peter 5:6-11

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Enhance Your Faith, Set Boundaries



SNAPSHOT

Keep Watching ... Stand Firm *(1 Peter 5:6-11)*

Who: Peter writes to believers facing persecution, reminding them to remain humble, spiritually alert, and steadfast in their faith.

What: Peter teaches that the God of all grace equips His people to stand firm and trust His promises.

When: This letter was written during a time of growing opposition and suffering for Christians.

Where: Peter wrote to believers scattered throughout Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) who were living in a hostile world.

Why: God calls believers to remain faithful because His grace is greater than every trial.

How: By humbling ourselves before God, staying spiritually alert, resisting the devil, and trusting His grace.

Scripture 1 Peter 5:6-11
What is your takeaway from the text?

- 6. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,*
- 7. casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*
- 8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*
- 9. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*
- 10. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.*
- 11. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Keep Watching

Peter reminds believers that the Christian life is a spiritual battle, but we never fight alone. The God of all grace equips, strengthens, and establishes His people so they can keep watching and stand firm in the faith.

Through Christ, believers have victory over temptation and the enemy by trusting God's promises instead of their own strength. As we faithfully follow Christ, we live with confidence, knowing the God of all grace will sustain us until the day we see Him face to face.

***Speak to the difference in our faith being tested and our flesh being tempted?
James 1:14-15, Ephesians 6:11-13***

Stand Firm

*(1). **Firm Foundation:** God has equipped and established His people under His mighty hand. Choose what strengthens your faith and let go of the things that keep you distracted. **Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7***

*(2). **Faithful Watching:** Believers are called to remain spiritually alert, resist the devil, and stand firm. Spiritual alertness keeps believers close to Christ and prepared when temptation comes. **Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41***

*(3). **Fully Confident:** God's promises give believers the strength to stand firm through every spiritual battle. Trust God's promises to overcome temptation and resist the enemy. **Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Isaiah 41:10***

***What is faithful watching and fully confident?
Think in terms of the foundation of your faith***

Living Sacrifice

When you hear the words keep watching, what comes to mind? When the circumstances of life exposes your flesh, what do you find yourself doing? When you hear the words keep watching, most of us think about paying attention, staying alert, or looking out for danger.

Peter reminds us that believers must also stay spiritually alert because we have a real enemy who wants to distract and discourage us. Kingdom living is not built by winning every battle. It is built by standing firm in every circumstance, because God has already won the victory. What a mighty God we serve!

Explain; God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness.

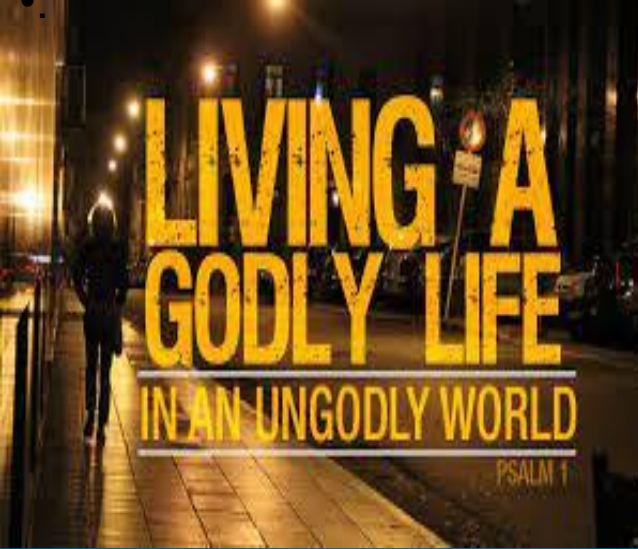
2 Peter 1:3-5, Galatians 5:22-24

More of God and Less of Ourselves

Often our flesh is tested, and trials have a way of revealing the foundation of our lives. If our confidence is built on our own strength, fear and doubt can quickly take over. Every day we face spiritual battles that challenge our spiritual walk. Life has a way of squeezing us until what is inside begins to come out.

When our lives are anchored in God's promises, we can remain steady even in difficult times. Today, let us be encouraged knowing the God of all grace has equipped us to stand firm. We will all make a difference when we keep watching and live faithfully until Christ returns. What a mighty God we serve. Yes and Amen!

***Let's talk about
Spiritual endurance, Kingdom virtues, Covenantal submission***



Easy As 1...2...3 *We Can, We Will, We Must*

Firm, Faithful, Confident

(1). Firm Foundation: Build your life on God's truth, not changing circumstances. A strong foundation keeps you steady when life is uncertain.

(2). Faithful Watching: Stay spiritually alert and guard your heart every day. A watchful believer recognizes temptation before it becomes a stumbling block.

(3). Fully Confident: Walk with confidence because God is faithful to His promises. His strength is greater than every trial you will ever face.

What is your point of application?



Prayer / Benediction

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The Christian life is about standing firm in God's grace. As we trust His promises, He strengthens us for every battle. What a mighty God we serve!

The more we grow spiritually, the better we get physically, the closer we get to Christ. Believers count themselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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