

## **STAND FIRM** **Ephesians 6:10-17**

**Consider with me God's guidelines for standing firm.**

### **I. BASIC TRAINING** (10-13)

#### **A. BE DEPENDENT** (10-11a)

##### **1. The Reality**

- Anyone who thinks he or she can stand up to the devil  
and his crafty ways all by themselves ... Is defeated already!

##### **2. The Resources**

- a. The Lord's Strength (10)
- b. Our God's Armor (11a)

#### **B. BE PREPARED** (11b-12)

##### **1. Know Your Mission** (11b)

- a. The Goal: Standing firm
- b. The Danger: Some won't

##### **2. Know Your Enemy** (11c-12)

- a. He is crafty (11c)
- b. He has assistants
- c. He is out there!

#### **C. BE VIGILANT** (13)

##### **1. Take the Armor Everywhere** (13a)

- Literally: You are to have taken the full armor of God

##### **2. Win the Battle Every Time** (13b)

- a. Resisting in the evil day - James 4:7
- b. Doing everything to stand firm - I Sam. 17

## II. BATTLEFIELD CONDUCT (14-17)

### A. HOLD YOUR GROUND (14a)

1. Stand Firm!
2. Remain Faithful

### B. TRUST YOUR EQUIPMENT (14b-17)

1. Commitment (14a)
  - Unencumbered by distractions - See II Tim. 2:4
2. Righteousness (14c)
  - Unconformed to this world - Note Rom. 12:2
3. Peace (15)
  - Having received the good news of salvation,  
this soldier is at peace with God - Rom. 5:1
4. Faith (16)
  - A trust in God's blessings and daily provisions - I John 5:4
5. Assurance (17a)
  - An overcoming enthusiasm in God's ability - Is. 40:29-31
6. Scripture (17b)
  - A confidence in and capability with the use of God's Word  
in the course of battle - See Matt. 4:4, 7, 10

## CONCLUSION:

Some say, "It's a jungle out there!"

- Paul says, "It's a battlefield out there!"

### **Are you standing firm today?**

1. Have you learned the basic skills of dependence, preparation and vigilance?
2. Are you applying what you've learned in daily battlefield encounters?
  - Are you holding your ground and trusting your equipment?

### **Are you tired of being Satan's prisoner of war?**

1. Break free ... run to Jesus ... be saved!
2. Acts 16:31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved ..."

**When we are strong in the Lord and protected by God's armor we can indeed stand firm!**