

Stand Firm

1 Corinthians 16:13 "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."

1. Biblical Examples

- *Matt. 26:33-35,69-75*

- *Daniel 3:16-18*

2. Obstacles to standing firm

1. "Majority rules" mentality
2. Fear of persecution
3. Lack of faith
4. Rely on self over relying on God
5. We lack character
6. We are not seriously engaged in Christianity
7. We assume Jesus will solve all of our problems
8. We think standing firm means standing still

3. Things to consider

1. Our kingdom is not of this world
2. Choose your battles wisely
3. Determine the appropriate biblical response
4. Speak the truth in love
5. Put on the whole armor of God