

WORDS
OF
COMFORT

JULY 5, 2020 | DAVID NEWKIRK | FAMILY NOTES

**Stand Firm In The Lord!
Ephesians 6:13-20**

- 1. In Ephesians 6:13-14, Paul encourages the men and women of Ephesus to stand firm in the Lord. How could the following passages help us in our motivation and confidence in standing firm against the devil?**
 - a. Romans 16:20
 - b. 1 John 4:4
 - c. James 4:7
 - d. John 8:44

- 2. We are not alone in this spiritual battle. Jesus went through His own spiritual battle in Matthew 4:1-11. What principles can we learn from how Jesus combated Satan in this passage?**

- 3. In order to have victory in the spiritual battles we are facing we need to understand how our enemy works. What do the following verses tell us about who the devil is and how he operates?**
 - a. Job 1:6-2:10
 - b. Isaiah 14:12-15
 - c. 1 Peter 5:8

- 4. Satan knows that God's children are the most dangerous opponents to his schemes here on earth. Because of this, he is willing to try anything to sideline Christians, to take them out of the battle. In your life, what has been Satan's tactic to sideline you? How do you combat this?**

NOTE from CODkids: Why do we need armor? Do we need all of it? What are the consequences of being selective about what you put on?

5. In the midst of this pandemic, where have you found yourself and other Christians struggling to maintain unity?

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ¹⁹and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

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2020 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people by 2030.