

## STAND

Isn't it amazing how God often uses the weakest individual, in the most impossible situation, to display his Mighty Power?

When the Lord appeared to Gideon in Judges 6 and called him "Mighty Warrior"<sup>(11)</sup>. He said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel"<sup>(14b)</sup>. Gideon thought he was too small and weak, but he took his **STAND** for the Lord. "They shouted, 'A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!'"<sup>(Judges 7:20b)</sup>. The Lord caused their enemies to turn and fight each other.

Joseph, the little, day-dreaming brother, was sold into slavery, falsely accused, imprisoned and abandoned. He rose to be second in line to Pharaoh and saved an entire nation. "God intended it for good..."<sup>(Genesis 50:20b)</sup> "...to save your lives by a great deliverance"<sup>(Genesis 45:7)</sup>.

Moses said, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh...?"<sup>(Exodus 3:11)</sup>. God asked, "'What is that in your hand?' 'A staff,' he replied"<sup>(Exodus 4:2)</sup>. God gave him what he needed. Moses took a **STAND** for God and God delivered a nation to the Promised Land.

David came up against the giant. He took his **STAND** with God. Speaking to Goliath David said, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty..."<sup>(1 Samuel 17:45)</sup>.



“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31b). If we are with God, who can be against God?

The Spirit of the Lord said to King Jehoshaphat and all of Judah and Jerusalem, “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s” (2 Chronicles 20:15b). “You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; **STAND** firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you...” (2Chron. 20:17). And as they went out singing and praising the Lord, the Lord destroyed the enemies.

In all your distress and persecution **STAND** firm in your faith (1Thessalonians 3:7-8). There will always be those who try to tell you that the Bible is not the Word of God; or there are many ways to God (See John 14:6). “They will secretly introduce destructive heresies...” (2Peter 2:1b), and “[change] the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord” (Jude 1:4b). Ephesians 6 warns of unseen powers of darkness. God says to “put on the full armor of God... and after you have done everything, to **STAND**” (13).

But now, this is what the Lord says, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you...When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;...When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;... For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior” (Isaiah 43:1b-3a).

“‘Because he loves me,’ says the Lord, ‘...I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and... I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will... show him my salvation’” (Psalm 91:14-16).

“**STAND** up and lift up your heads... Your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28b).

**Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**  
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Put on the gospel armor,  
Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there.  
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