

Word of the Week from *The Call to Worship*

Acts 18:3 NIV and because he was a *poe humuhumu hale lole – tentmaker* as they were, he stayed and worked with them.

Spiritual Warfare – Zanga Schutte. March.1.2026

Notes: When we face spiritual warfare, we're not fighting for victory – we're fighting from a place of victory. Knowing this gives us confidence to stand firm in faith, even when the battle feels intense.

Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Notes: Satan is constantly battling against all who are on the Lord's side. We need supernatural power to defeat Satan, and God has provided this by giving us his Holy Spirit within us and his armor surrounding us. The whole body needs to be armed. Satan checks for weak spots; he knows them all. So we must help each other, stand our ground, and resist the enemy until the end of the battle. Don't try to face him unarmed.

Practical Steps to Stand Firm Facing spiritual warfare requires both **faith and action.** Here are some practical ways to prepare for and navigate spiritual battles:

1. Stay in God's Word The Bible is your ultimate weapon against the enemy's lies. Meditate on Scripture daily, letting God's truth fill your heart and mind.

Colossians 3:16 KJV Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2. Pray Continually Prayer is your direct line to God's power and wisdom. Make prayer a daily habit, inviting God into every area of your life.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

3. Worship Through the Battle Worship shifts your focus from your problems to God's power. Even in the middle of the fight, praise Him for who He is and what He's already done.

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 NIV After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever." ²² As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

4. Lean on Community Surround yourself with other believers who can pray with you, encourage you, and remind you of God's promises.

Proverbs 27:17 NIV As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Proverbs 13:20 NIV Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

5. Guard Your Heart and Mind Be mindful of what you allow into your life. Protect your heart and mind from anything that could weaken your faith or distract you from God.

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 4:23 NIV Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Standing Firm in Faith Spiritual warfare is a reality, but so is God's power. When we face challenges, attacks, and temptations, we can stand firm knowing that we're not alone.

Isaiah 41:10 NIV So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Here are some powerful reminders of why we don't have to live in fear:

1. "I am with you." We are never alone, no matter what chaos surrounds us.
2. "I am your God." He is in control, even when life feels out of control.
3. "I will strengthen you." We don't have to rely on our own strength – God will carry us.
4. "I will uphold you." Even when we feel like we're falling apart, God holds us together.

The world tells us peace comes from stability. But God tells us peace comes from His presence.

When we focus on who He is, fear loses its grip. The next time we feel overwhelmed, pause and say this verse out loud:

Isaiah 40:31 NIV but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Stand Firm In Our Faith In Jesus Christ . . . Don't Be tossed To and Fro . . . Don't Turn To The Left Or Right.

Hebrews 12:2 NASB fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Know in Your Heart that: God is with us; He fights for us; And He equips us with everything we need. Faith isn't about having all the answers – it's about trusting the One who does.

You don't have to see the whole staircase – just take the next step. **You don't have to have it all figured out** – just trust the One who does. **You don't have to wait until you feel ready** – just start walking. **"God Got You"**

Amen & Amen