



GOD'S WORK NOW CALLS YOU TO STAND IN WHAT HE HAS SUPPLIED

APRIL 28-MAY 4, 2024

CIRCLES for the week:

(Videos and links are included in CIRCLES to deepen understanding. Sign up for CIRCLES via text or email to the church.)

29 Monday: VIDEO

Exodus 15:1-18 As you wait for His direction, how are you glorifying God?

30 Tuesday: Isaiah 43:1-13 How has God delivered you and helped you stand? Vs. 10, you are His witness! Encourage someone!

1 Wednesday: Romans 5:1-11 by faith in grace I stand. How does this describe what the Spirit is doing in you?

2 Thursday: Isaiah 26:3-4 and 40:25-31 How do you keep your mind fixed on the Lord when life seems to spin out of control?

3 Friday: Psalm 18:1-6,17-19,28-36 Personalize & pray this Psalm. Declare your trust in Him to give you strength to stand.

★ What insights did God give you through these CIRCLE activities? How did your relationship grow deeper with Him?

DIG DEEPER - review Sunday and dig deeper with discussion questions:

★ Any "take-aways" from Sunday's message? Did anything spark a question for you? Discuss with the group.

1. Read **Jeremiah 17:7-10,14** Describe what you imagine the root system of a mature tree would look like. Why are roots important to the strength and health of the tree? Why are deep and wide roots important?
2. **Colossians 2:2-7** Paul says that we are to be "***rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.***" (NKJV) Discuss the tools these verses give us to do that.
3. Now read **Ephesians 3:10-21**.
 - Focus on **verse 3:17** "***rooted and grounded in love.***" In a spiritual sense, why are our "roots" important? What are the implications of NOT having deep roots in God?
 - In **verse 3:19**, how are we "***filled with all the fullness of God***"? What does that look like in daily living?

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PRAY— based on **Romans 5:2-5 and Psalm 55:22**

Lord, thank you for bringing me into this place of undeserved privilege where I now stand with YOU. Thank You for giving me confidence and joy right now.

I know that endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens my confident hope of salvation. You said this hope will not lead to disappointment. I know You love me, and You have given me Your Holy Spirit to fill my heart with Your love.

I choose to cast my cares on You, LORD, and You will sustain me; You will never let the righteous be shaken, and I am righteous in Jesus.

Amen

Discussion questions continued...

Ephesians 3:10-21 continued:

- **Verse 3:21** says, “... *according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church...*” In what we have studied so far, why is all this so important to us as a Church body? Discuss how we can live this out in our Church family.

Here are some ways God uses to help us stand and be sustained in what He has given us:

4. Hold on to the Word of God: **Psalm 119:89 and Isaiah 40:8**. Share verses that have sustained and held you up when you needed it most.
5. God stands by us: **Acts 32:11 and 2 Timothy 4:17**
Share a time when you knew the Lord was standing by you, giving you what you needed.
6. The shoulder of another believer helps us stand: **Zephaniah 3:9 and Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**
Give an example of how God used another believer to help you stand firm in Him. Also, how have you stood shoulder to shoulder to help another believer stand firm?

In what ways is a connection with a community of believers important to our standing firm in our spiritual growth and walk with Jesus? How can our church do this better?

LIVE IT OUT – **1 Corinthians 15:57-58** *Keep on standing, let nothing move you, Always give yourself fully to the work of the LORD.*

What is God asking you to do regarding His work? Take the 1st step of obedience today! Be “all in” and fully committed to Him.

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