

**Stand Firm: 2 of 7**  
**“With Righteousness”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
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**Big Idea:** Because our battle is spiritual, we must fight with spiritual weapons to stand firm with God’s armor.

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.”

**Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

“**Stand** your ground, putting on the belt of **truth** and the body armor of God’s **righteousness**. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the **Good News** so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of **faith** to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on **salvation** as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**. **Pray** in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”

**Ephesians 6:14-18 (NLT2)**

**Wearing His Righteousness – Protects and helps us realize God’s calling in our lives.**

➤ **False Righteousness:**

- Entitled
- Pride
- Superiority

"For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." **Matthew 5:20 (NASB)**

➤ **True Righteousness:**

- Accepting the Righteousness of Jesus
- Repentance
- Living in Devotion to God

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**To Stand Firm With Righteousness, I Will:**

**1. Accept The Righteousness That \_\_\_\_\_**

“This **righteousness** from God comes through **faith in Jesus Christ** to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” **Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)**

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the **righteousness** of God.” **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)**

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## **2. Repent And Refuse To \_\_\_\_\_**

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” **Acts 3:19 (NIV)**

“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”  
**Romans 6:1-4 (NIV)**

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## **3. Live In \_\_\_\_\_**

“For the **grace** of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to **turn** from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should **live** in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and **devotion to God**, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to **free** us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very **own people**, totally committed to doing **good deeds**.”  
**Titus 2:11-14 (NLT2)**

“In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises. **Supplement** your faith with a generous provision of **moral excellence**, and moral excellence with **knowledge**, and knowledge with **self-control**, and self-control with patient **endurance**, and patient endurance with **godliness**, and godliness with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love** for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more **productive and useful** you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop in this way are **shortsighted** or blind, forgetting that they have been **cleansed** from their old sins.” **2 Peter 1:5-9 (NLT2)**

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

- Where do I need to devote myself more to God?

### **To stand firm, I will:**

- Accept the Righteousness that comes from Jesus
- Repent and refuse to abuse the grace of God
- Live in devotion to God

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

**Big Idea:** Because our battle is spiritual, we must fight with spiritual weapons to stand firm with God’s armor.

**Icebreaker:** Who do you look up to as a Christian role model?  
What sets them apart?

**Review Remember Verse: Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT2)**

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.”

**Read Ephesians 6:14-18**

In what ways does the armor of God help us stand against the devil?

**Wearing His Righteousness – Protects and helps us realize God’s calling in our lives.**

Discuss the difference of false and true righteousness.

➤ **False Righteousness:**

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**Read Matthew 5:20**

**Read Matthew 23:1-4**

What is surprising about Jesus’ remarks in verse 3?

What is the main evil of the Pharisees?

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**To Stand Firm With Righteousness, I Will:**

**1. Accept The Righteousness That Comes Through Jesus**

**Read Romans 3:21-24**

Why can't we achieve righteousness of our own?

How can we become righteous in God's eyes?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:21**

What did Jesus have to do for us to become righteous?

**2. Repent And Refuse To Abuse The Grace Of God**

**Read Acts 3:19**

What does God promise when we turn to Him for forgiveness?

**Read Romans 6:1-4**

How do we sometimes abuse the grace of God?

What motivates you to live a good life?

How does baptism illustrate how we should live?

**3. Live In Devotion To God**

**Read Titus 2:11-14**

How does our new lifestyle relate to Jesus' death? His return?

Why did Jesus give his life? [v.14]

**Read 2 Peter 1:5-9**

Out of these seven qualities, which two are you doing well?

Which of these qualities do you feel you need to develop in your life?

Close in Prayer:

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