

Stand Firm: 3 of 7  
 “With The Gospel”  
 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.” **Ephesians 6:14-15 (NLT2)**

**To Stand Firm With The Gospel I Need To:**

**1. Understand God Has Made A Way To \_\_\_\_\_**

“Once you **were dead** because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who **refuse** to obey God. All of us **used to live** that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to **God’s anger**, just like everyone else. But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we **were dead** because of our sins, **He gave us life** when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by **God’s grace** that you have been saved!)”

**Ephesians 2:1-5 (NLT2)**

“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, **no longer counting people’s sins against them**. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

**2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (NLT2)**

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**2. Develop A Heart \_\_\_\_\_**

“For I have a great sense of **obligation** to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News.” **Romans 1:14-15 (NLT2)**

"I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, because it is the power of God for the salvation of **everyone** who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a **righteousness** from God is revealed, a righteousness that is **by faith** from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." **Romans 1:16-17 (NIV)**

**Prayer:** "Lord, give me a heart for those who don't know You."

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### 3. Pray For Opportunities To \_\_\_\_\_

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will **fearlessly** make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

**Ephesians 6:19-20 (NIV)**

"And pray for us, too, that God may **open a door** for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it **clearly**, as I should." **Colossians 4:3-4 (NIV)**

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### 4. Actively Share \_\_\_\_\_

"I pray that you may be **active** in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." **Philemon 1:6 (NIV)**

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"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." **Romans 10:9 (NIV)**

"But how can they **call** on Him to save them unless they **believe** in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never **heard** about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone **tells** them? **Romans 10:14 (NLT)**

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➤ With whom is God asking me to share my faith?

### My next right step I will:

[ ] Pray for an open door to share Jesus with:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Share my story of faith to someone I know.

[ ] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism on March 31

[ ] Invite someone to Easter 9:30 or 11:00 am

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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:**

When was the last time you shared your faith, and to whom?

What was the result?

What holds you back from sharing your faith more often?

**Read and discuss the memory verses**

“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)**

**Read Ephesians 6:14-15**

How does God’s truth help us in our lives to stand firm?

How does God’s righteousness through Jesus help us stand firm in our lives?

How does being prepared to share the Good News of Jesus help us stand firm?

**To Stand Firm With The Gospel I Need To:**

**1. Understand God Has Made A Way To Have Peace With Him**

**Read Ephesians 2:1-5**

What was our relationship like before God sent Jesus?

**Read Romans 5:1-2**

How are we justified before God?

What does it mean for you to have peace with God?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

What task has God given each believer in Christ?

What is our message?

How well do I do at sharing this message?

## 2. Develop A Heart For The Lost

### **Read Romans 1:14-15**

How strong is my sense of obligation to share Jesus with others?

### **Read Romans 1:16-17**

Why should I be unashamed to share Jesus?

What are we saved from?

**Pause and pray this prayer:** “Lord, give me a heart for those who don’t know You.”

If we prayed this pray each day for the next week, would that increase our sense of obligation?

## 3. Pray For Opportunities To Share My Faith

### **Read Ephesians 6:19-20**

What was Paul’s circumstances?

What are my circumstances?

Am I willing to pray this prayer for myself?

### **Colossians 4:3-4**

What is Paul’s prayer?

If I pray for God to open doors for me to share Jesus, will He?

## 4. Actively Share My Hope In Jesus

### **Read Philemon 1:6**

How active am I in sharing my faith with my family? Co-workers? Friends?

### **Read Romans 10:9-14**

In verse 14, how does Paul make his point that we need to tell others?

Does this message encourage you to share?

Is there someone God is placing on your heart to invite to church? Who?

Close in Prayer:

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