

Stand Firm
Franklin Heights Church
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Rocky Mount-CrossPointe-Union Hall-Recovery Church-Español

Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 (ESV)

Ephesians 6:13 (ESV)

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

2 Thessalonians 1:4 (ESV)

Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

2 Thessalonians 1:5 (ESV)

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—

Philippians 1:27-29 (ESV)

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

Habakkuk 1:2 (ESV)

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Psalms 13:1 (ESV)

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

Revelation 6:10 (ESV)

They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

1. View your present circumstances through the lens of God's future _____.

2 Thessalonians 1:6 (ESV)

since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

2. View your present circumstances knowing that God will have the _____.

2 Thessalonians 1:7 (ESV)

and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels

2 Thessalonians 1:8 (ESV)

in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 (ESV)

They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

Matthew 25:41 (ESV)

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Ezekiel 33:11 (ESV)

Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

3. View your present circumstances knowing that your faith will be _____.

2 Thessalonians 1:10 (ESV)

when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (ESV)

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.