

Look To Him & Stand

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1 Corinthians 16:13 (NKJV)- Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)- You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *Whose mind is stayed on You*, Because he trusts in You.

2 Corinthians 1:9-10 (AMP)- **9** Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received the sentence of death [and were convinced that we would die, but this happened] so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead. **10** He rescued us from so great a *threat of death*, and will *continue* to rescue us. On Him we have set our hope. And He will again rescue us [from danger and draw us near],

Proverbs 19:21 (NKJV)- There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand.

Psalms 32:8 (NKJV)- I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (NIV)- But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58** Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you...

John 10:10 (AMP)- The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

Psalms 26:1 (AMP)- The LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me], I shall not want.

My friend,

Look to Him and stand! Look to Him for your day and your night! Look to Him for the zoe life you are made for. Look to Him for everything you need! Look to the Creator for your every answer! Our God created everything about us and knows us better than we know ourselves! Truly, if our Lord God created us, why do we look to ourselves and others before Him? He instructs us and teaches us in the way in which we should go and He counsels us with His eye upon us (Psalm 32:8)...but do we seek Him for that? Maybe if we take an inventory of where our eyes are focused, we'd be more aware of our ways. Are we focused on our circumstances? Our health troubles? In looking to Him, there is peace and joy, my friend. Jesus came for us to have everlasting joy, yet, we hope and wish that someday we will know what joy is. He gives us His perfect peace, yet, most of the time, we focus on our anxieties and worries and wonder how we can ever have peace. What in the world are we doing? What are we thinking? Why is it that He gives us all we need but we don't seem to be living in it?

A life of dependence on the Lord is how we were created to live and created to be. For an electric lamp to function as it should, it must be plugged in and turned on, right?! Looking to ourselves, living independently from God in any area of life, is like a lamp expecting to shine but refusing to be plugged in. It's refusing to follow the instruction manual written by its creator. The fullness of who we are and what we are called to be is in living the way we were made- to trust and live in relationship with our Lord. We were made to live with Him as our source, not as an option on the menu of life. My friend, being independent from your God in any area of your life brings stress, exhaustion, disease, and so much more. With Him as our source of everything, we live in victory, right thinking, and we have the strength to stand! That's the word from the Lord today- look to Him and stand! Just as Paul spoke about in Corinthians, we stand firm in our faith! We stand in declaring the Word of God! We stand in faith believing what God says no matter what we face! As His created, we stand and believe our Creator.

Looking to Him (relying on all that He is) and standing in that is our choice, my friend. He's saying this week to CHOOSE HIM...He is the way, the truth, and the life. But why does it matter if we are looking to Him and standing? Our God wants us to know where our help comes from and to live a life of freedom from the entanglements of this world. He gave us Jesus as our perfect sacrifice to be free once and for all. Can we step into the willingness to look to Him for His ways? Can we be courageous enough to trust Him and give Him our YES? He is looking for those who will follow His lead and counsel. Look to Him as your Shepherd and you won't lack anything. In choosing to trust and follow, we can see what He sees to work where He is working! My friend, we are not just on this earth to live with our families, go to work and church, and then do it all again the next week. We are here to walk with Him, to look to Him for it all, and to stand firm in our faith in Him! No matter where you are in your walk with Him, no matter what you are struggling with, it's not too late to LOOK TO HIM! Trust in His ways for you and STAND firm! No weapon formed against you shall prosper with your Lord by your side!

ACTIVATION

Ask the Lord this week to reveal any areas of your life in which you are acting independently of Him. Repent for not surrendering that area and ask Holy Spirit to help you to trust and depend on Him. My friend, our God loves you and knows everything you need in every area of your life! Trust Him by looking only to Him and stand firm! Choose a scripture that shows the truth of what you need in life (you can look in your bible concordance to find a verse) and read, study and speak that scripture! It is truth and the truth will set you free!