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ABIDING

In Ephesians 6:13 it says, ***“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”*** Stand is the Greek word *histēmi*, which means to abide, to establish, to covenant.

We are in a battle, and it is not with flesh and blood. The weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but they are mighty through God. They pull down strongholds. What are our weapons?

The first weapon is abiding in Jesus. In John 15:7 it says, ***“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”*** That is a powerful statement. The word abide here is the Greek word *mēnō* which means to stay. When we abide (stay connected) in Jesus we receive the desires of our heart! It means that in Him and Him alone we live and move and have our being. We put all of our trust in Him for all our needs. It means we stay connected to him no matter what the circumstances look like. When we abide in Him (stand) and he is in us, when we ask what we will it shall be done for us.

The second weapon is to stay established (stand) on the Covenant we have with Jesus. All of God’s promises are yes and amen to those in Covenant. They are ours by faith. We put God in remembrance of our Covenant. When you are in Covenant, everything that the covenant partners have becomes rightly owned by each other. So, all I have is God’s, and all God has is mine. Since he has more than me, I truly get the better end of the covenant. We stand firm when we ask our Covenant partner to help us. He is willing because our covenant was cut with the blood of Jesus Christ. Nothing can cause it to cease

When we abide and when we are in covenant then we wait, standing with expectancy to win every battle by faith. It may not happen immediately, so we stand firm on the sure foundation of God’s promises and stay there until it manifests. Having done all, we stand!