

The Stand
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Isaiah 60:1-2 NIV

“**ARISE, SHINE**, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and **thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises UPON YOU and his glory appears OVER YOU.**”

Matthew 5:14-16 NLT

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

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1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NKJV

But **thanks be to God**, who **GIVES US THE VICTORY** through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be steadfast, immovable, ALWAYS abounding** in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

How Are We Going to Stand This Year?

1. STAND FIRM

1 John 4:18 NKJV

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because **fear involves torment...**

Fear is a prophesying spirit that comes to prophesy a future without God in it.

Hebrews 2:14-15 NLT

Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break **the power of the devil**, who had **the power of death**. Only in this way could he **set free** all who have lived their lives as **slaves to the fear of dying**.

Job 14:5 NLT

“You have decided the length of our lives. You know how many months we will live, and we are not given a minute longer.”

I’d rather die physically in faith than live spiritually dead in fear.

Starting today, we are getting you ready for 2021:

- 7 Days of Prayer and Fasting from January 11 – January 17
- Don’t miss the first series of the year!
- Get connected to a small group.
- Hear what the Lord is speaking to your church.

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2. STAND OUT

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3. STAND UP

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