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If you do not **STAND FIRM** in your faith, you will not stand at all. Isaiah 7:9

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1. Be United.

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*Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you **stand firm in the one Spirit**, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.* Philippians 1:27

- Unity of the heart and the hands often begins in the mind.

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **to be made new in the attitude of your minds**; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour.* Ephesians 4:22-25

2. Be Joyful.

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3. Be in Prayer.

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- Prayer is a discipline that needs to be practiced.
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