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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 gospel²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:27-30

Consistent Faith: Living with intentional commitment to Jesus with a desire to emulate His steadfast, constant, and reliable love.

1. See Jesus.

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But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

2. Stand Firm.

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.. V. 27b

I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Psalm 16:8

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

3. Strive Together.

... striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. Vv. 27b-28

*So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* Isaiah 41:10

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. 1 Corinthians 12:26

4. Struggle Well.

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have. Vv. 29-30

To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:29

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 1:19-20

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