

## Standing Firm in the Lord: Part 2

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3 Questions concerning our standing firm in the Lord:

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b. What does it mean to stand firm in the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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**Romans 8:28 (ESV)** — 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**Exodus 14:10–14 (ESV)** — 10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” 13 And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. 14 **The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.**”

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c. What does it \_\_\_\_\_ to stand firm in the Lord?

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What does it look like to stand firm in the Lord? We are to actively...

- Agree with one another in the Lord (vs 2)
- Promote Peace among our brothers and sisters (vs 3)
- Rejoice in the Lord (vs 4)
- Let Your Reasonableness be Known to all (vs 5)
- Do not be anxious about anything (vs 6a)
- Make your request known to God (vs 6b)
- Think on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, excellent, and worthy of praise (vs 8)
- Follow after godly examples (vs 9)

### Questions to Consider

- Are you facing any battles that the Lord is calling you to stand firm on his promises? What promises specifically keep you grounded in your fight for faith?
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