

SERMON HANDOUT for March 26, 2023



Standing Firm!

STANDING FIRM IN FAITHFULNESS

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

John Wesley:

“Give me a hundred men who love nothing but God and hate nothing but sin, and I will shake the whole world for Christ.”

It doesn't take many... but it does take someone who decides to be faithful.

Luke 16:10 NKJV

He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.”

Joyce Meyer:

“Faithfulness is not doing something right once but doing something right over and over and over and over.”

Matthew 25:21 NKJV:

His Lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’”

Paul now encourages the faithfulness of the Thessalonican believers:

- † Reminding them why they should be faithful.
- † Why we should be faithful.

PAUL SAYS WE SHOULD STAND FIRM IN FAITHFULNESS BECAUSE WE ARE:

1. _____ - 2 Thessalonians 2:13

† **Chosen** - “having been selected as the best or most appropriate!”

- Ephesians 1:3-4 NKJV

2. _____ - 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15

† **Called** (Greek: *kaleo*) - being called to a task.

- Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

- Matthew 22:14 NKJV

† **Stand Fast** = (Greek: *steko*) - to continue to be; to stand firm.

† **Hold** = (Greek: *krateo*) mean to seize, to retain in hand, to control, to keep.

3. _____ - 2 Thessalonians 2:16

† **Consolation** = (Greek: *paraklesis*) means to encourage, comfort, help.

† **Good Hope** = Confident expectation in the future!

4. _____ - 2 Thessalonians 2:17

† **Comfort** = (Greek: *parakaleo*) means urge implore or exhort!
