

Title: **Stand: Persevering as Faithful Exiles**
Text: **1 Peter 5:12-14**
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Big Idea

God enables us as His people to persevere by rooting us in His grace, surrounding us with His family, and sustaining us with His peace.

1. Stand F_____ (v.12b)

(cf. Col 4:12, Eph 6:13, 2 Cor 1:24, 1 Cor 15:1, Rom 11:20, 5:2, John 8:44)

- Stand Firm - Stay R_____ (cf. Hebrews 2:1)
- Stand Firm in the G_____ of God ("The Gospel") (cf. 1 Peter 1:3-5, 18-19; 2:24; 5:10)
- Stand Firm Because The Gospel is T_____ (cf. Exodus 3-4, Luke 5:10, 1:1-4; 1 John 1:1-4, John 6:66-69)

2. Stand T_____ (vv.12a, 13-14a)

(cf. 1 Pet 1:13, 4:7; 2 Tim 4:5, 1 Cor 16:13, Col 4:2, 1 Thess 5:6, James 4:7, 1 Pet 4:12)

- Stand Together Knowing You're Not A_____

- Stand Together Being E_____ & E_____ One Another
- Stand Together in L_____ (cf. 1 Peter 1:22, 2:17, 3:8, 4:8)

3. Stand P_____ (v.14b)

(cf. John 16:33, 14:27; Phil 4:6-7, Rom 5:1, Eph 2:13-18, Col 3:15, 2 Thess 3:16)

- Stand Peacefully In C_____



Reflection Questions

- What are some things people tend to build their lives upon? As a Christian, how would your life be different -- what would it look like -- without the gospel, God's grace?
- If you're not a Christian, what is preventing you from taking that step of (reasonable) faith?
- Are there areas where you have or are tempted to place one foot on instead of the gospel? Why?
- Why do so many Christians (and people) try to go through life (and its difficulties) by themselves? When have you been personally tempted to pull away from the church (community) instead of leaning more into it? Why?
- How have you personally experienced (or seen in others) the peace which comes from Christ? In what areas of your life currently do you need more of God's peace in Christ?
- **Parent Corner:** How are you helping (and praying for) your child to stand/stay rooted in the Gospel? Does your child see and believe the importance of the church (community) or do they see it as an individual activity? How are you personally being an example of these things to your child?

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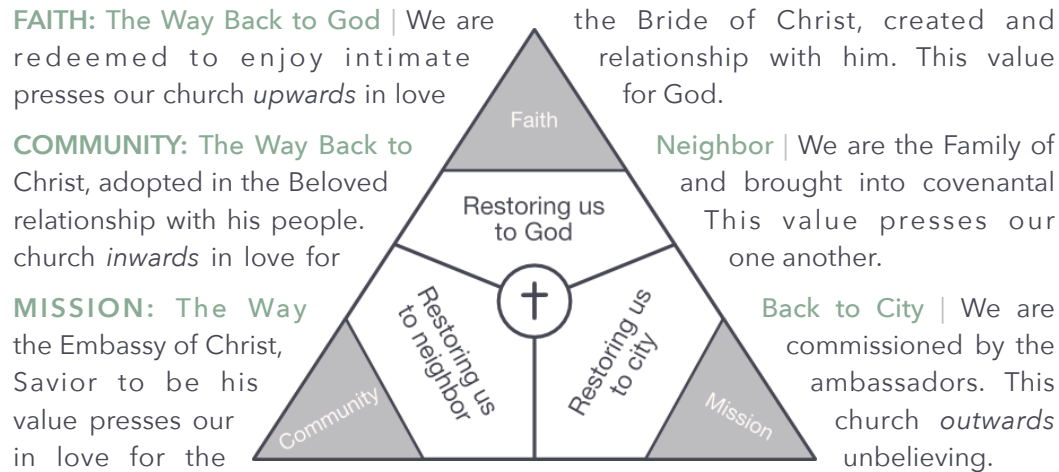


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