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Firm in Your Faith

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"What are you standing on?"

1 Peter 5:6-9

Learning to Stand Firm in Our Faith.

1. "humble yourselves"

- Webster's – offered in a spirit of submission
 - An attitude of mind that realizes that one is without any reason for distinction in God's sight.
1. Deuteronomy 8:2,3,16 – hardship teaches humility.
 2. 2 Chronicles 7:14 – humility invites God's ear
 3. 2 Chronicles 12:7 – humility invites God's voice
 4. Ephesians 4:1,2 – walk in humility
 5. Philippians 2:3 – humility of mind

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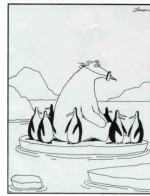
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2. "be on the alert"

- Webster's – quick to perceive and act
1. Isaiah 14:12-14 – Satan is out to destroy you.
 2. ...prowls about...seeking someone to devour...
 3. 1 John 4:4 – greater is He who is in you!



"And now Edgar's gone...
Something's going on around here."

"The best way to keep the enemy out is to keep Christ in. The sheep need not be terrified by the wolf; they have but to stay close to the shepherd. It is not the praying sheep Satan fears but the presence of the shepherd."

(A.W. Tozer Born after Midnight)

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3. "resist him, firm in your faith"

- Peter tells us to resist the roaring lion by being "firm in our faith"
 - What does it mean to be "firm in our faith?"
1. How does Satan attack?
 - John 8:44 – by lying to us.
 - Genesis 3:1 – by getting us to doubt God's words
 - Matthew 4 – "if You are the Son of God"
 2. What is faith?
 - Looking away unto the finished work of Christ.
 3. How then do we "stand firm in our faith?"
 - By truly knowing and constantly counting the finished work of Christ in my daily life.
 - Justification—Sanctification—Glorification

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4. How do I know the work that Christ did for me, is doing in me and is doing through me?
 - Romans 10:17 – faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word (ρημα) of Christ.
 - John 17:17 – "Thy word (λογος) is truth"
 - Hebrews 4:12 – "the word (λογος) of God is living and active"
 - Ephesians 6:14-17

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5. James 1:21 – in humility receive the word (logos) implanted
- "I believe that the Bible is completely, entirely and verbally the word of God. I refuse to stand above and criticize it; I insist rather, on standing below it and letting it criticize me."

Damned Through The Church by John Warwick Montgomery (who holds nine earned degrees in philosophy, theology, and law, and is the author of over forty books.)

the just shall live by faith

Romans Ephesians Hebrews

The Word (λογος & ρημα) of God