Standing Faith

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” Corrie ten Boom

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. 1Corinthians 16:13–14 ESV

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:2

That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith… Romans 11:20 ESV

Two positional functions of faith Standing & Moving

Moving Faith - for we walk by faith, not by sight. 2Corinthians 5:7 ESV

and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. Romans 4:12 ESV

Moving Faith – the functional response to visional direction, directed response to obedient action, or the deep confidence to act at moments of decision or opportunity

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” C.S. Lewis

Newtons Laws of Motion

The first of Newton’s laws of motion is known as the law of inertia. This means that an object that’s standing still will not move unless a force causes it to move. The law also states that a moving object will keep moving in the same direction and at the same speed unless a force changes this. An easy way to think about this law is to remember that things will keep doing what they are doing unless something causes that to change.

Forces move things

Surviving or Moving through Storms – Matt 14

Newton’s second law of motion focuses on what happens when a force makes an object move. This law states that heavier objects need more force to make them move faster or to change the direction they are moving in. The bigger the force, the more acceleration will happen.

The size of the force determines the movement

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, Ephesians 3:20 ESV

The third law of motion states that every action has an equal and opposite reaction. The action-reaction pair. This means that when you want to slow down or stop a moving object, you have to apply a force to it in the opposite direction that it is moving.

Opposing force is there to limit or stop movement

Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?  Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?Galatians 3:2–3 ESV

All faith is directed toward Jesus in response to His Word (personal or written) or in revelation (becoming convinced of something previously unknown)

Now the LORD said to Abram…Genesis 12:1

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Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, Romans 5:3

and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, Romans 5:4

and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:5

Stand – abiding, established, anchored, firm, steadfast

Influences of culture, economy, political, physiological and psychological pressure are challenging leadership to change

“For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?”
2Samuel 22:32

Our revelation of God in the midst of tumult, we determine how we stand and where and how we move

and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.1Corinthians 10:4 ESV

Standing on the Rock

And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Exodus 33:21–22

Absolutes of Scripture

Values (Core & Cultural)

Ministry DNA (authenticity of how God has built your church)

Presence of the Holy Spirit

When we stand we are hidden, Glory is imparted and the distinctive touch of God becomes manifest to the World

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2Corinthians 3:18 NKJ