

Surprisingly Important Last Words

read

Ephesians 6:10-20

think

Locate the word “Finally” in the passage you have just read and place your finger on it. Many times in English when we use the word finally we mean something like “almost finished”, “getting done”, “concluding” or “winding up” but when the Apostle Paul uses the phrase he does in Ephesians 6:10 it means, “I placed this information at the end to emphasis it and make sure it was remembered and this is something of extreme importance” (*Sparkling Gems from the Greek*, Renner p, 68-69).

Following this phrase Paul repeats the command to “Stand” 5 times demonstrating its importance in the lives of believers in Ephesus and today. The early chapters of the book of Ephesians contain some of the deepest theological Truths found anywhere in the New Testament and they form the basis on which we can with confidence in a Mighty Loving and Holy God stand strong and firm no matter what comes our way. That is worth remembering!!

apply

- Share a time in the past when Jesus helped you stand firm.
- Talk about at least three reasons standing firm can be hard for a Christian.
- In the next week what is one thing you could do to stand firm for Jesus in your life?

pray

Triune God, Thank you for all of the great truths you reveal in the book of Ephesians that you have given to use your children so we can Stand Firm in Jesus as individuals and as a family. Thank you for the armor you have provided and the command to put it on so that we may be strong and secure in You and your care as we love You and lovingly serve each other and a needy world. In Jesus Name, Amen!

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