STAND! - Shoes of Good News September 26, 2021 Don Williams

Ephesians 6:10-20

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your <u>stand</u> against the devil's schemes.¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to <u>stand</u> your ground, and after you have done everything, to <u>stand</u>.

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace."

The Good News of Peace gives us solid footing against the enemy

Ephesians 2:14-18

"For He himself is our <u>peace</u>, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making <u>peace</u>, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached <u>peace</u> to you who were far away and <u>peace</u> to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit."

Peace is more than an absence of conflict... it is the very presence of Jesus in our lives.

Good News of Peace with God

Ephesians 2:15

"His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, <u>thus making</u> <u>peace</u>..."

<u>Romans 5:10</u>

"For if, while we <u>were God's enemies</u>, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"

Romans 5:1-2

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have <u>peace with God</u> through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand."

Good News of Peace with others

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Ephesians 4:3

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Good News of Peace within Storms

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