December 2, 2012

Thought For The Week...— **Stand Fast**

As I waited to make a right-hand turn at a busy intersection, an ambulance appeared over the crest

of a hill, speeding in my direction. Someone behind me honked, urging me into the crossroads. I knew the ambulance would be unlikely to stop and that it could have been disastrous to make my turn. So I kept my foot on the brake pedal and stayed put.

Spiritually speaking, we need to "stay put" and remain faithful to God despite pressure from others. King Solomon had to learn this the hard way. He began his reign by asking God for wisdom (1 Kings 3:9), and his prayer at the dedication of the temple revealed his lovalty (8:23,61). But he did not remain committed. He married many foreign women who eventually influenced him to worship other gods. By the end of his life, his "heart was not loyal to the LORD" (11:1-6; Neh. 13:26).

Today, just as in ancient times, people may prompt us to shift our loyalty away from God and His truth. Yet with God's help we can hold fast to the word of life (Phil. 2:16). If you feel pressured to enter a dangerous intersection of beliefs, study God's Word, put on His armor (Eph. 6:10-18), and ask the Holy Spirit for help (1 Cor. 2:10-12). Then stand fast with your fellow believers in Christ.

> Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in His strength alone: The arm of flesh will fail you— Ye dare not trust your own. —Duffield

To avoid being pulled into error, keep a firm grip on the Truth.

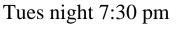
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Prayer Practice



Make it a habit too hard to break!

Sunday School Christmas Program

Next Sunday the Sunday School Department will present their Christmas Program. Support our children - they are excited and this is a special event for them!

Musicians and Praise Singers

There will be a Christmas Party on Saturday December 8th for the Musicians and Praise Singers at The Evans home. A time of fun and fellowship! See Bro. Mike for details and what to bring.

Retirement Home Service NEXT WEEK

Retirement Home Service will be Next Sunday Afternoon at 2:30. Make plans now to be a part of that service. All those that would like to attend, the van will leave at 2:15pm.

You will be a blessing to them and God will bless you!

Christmas Parade

The Santa Fe Christmas Parade will be on Friday, December 14th. Everyone that would like to help with the float it would be greatly appreciated. This is an opportunity for outreach to our community and present POSF as a place for HOPE and JOY to those searching for meaning to life! We give them JESUS! Listen for details to be announced.

Christmas Banquet

The POSF 2012 Christmas Banquet will be on Saturday, December 15th at 6PM in the church fellowship hall. Tickets will be \$8.00 per person. Please give your money to Sis. Jeane as soon as possible. We are needing a headcount for decorating and seating. Looking forward to a great time of fellowship. Make plans NOW – Don't miss it!



Christmas Caroling Night

Our annual Christmas Caroling will be on Wednesday night, December 19th and is a fun time for all. Fellowship afterwards. More information to

Birthdays and Anniversary's

Week of Dec 2-8

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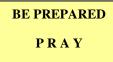
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Be Prepared with Prayer

By Will Davis, Jr

Make prayer a daily habit with these tips and you'll be ready to face life's challenges.



One of the most important factors in <u>praying</u> is to be a person of <u>prayer</u> before a crisis hits. A crisis is not the time to start praying; it's the time to keep praying. That isn't always easy. It's typically a crisis that drives us to prayer.

When things are just rocking along, we usually don't feel the need to <u>pray</u>. But we need to pray "in season and out" (2 Tim. 4:2), in good times and bad. Be a praying person before the hurricane blows through your life, and then when it does, you won't have to try to start praying.

Here are three suggestions to make prayer a daily habit so that you can be prepared for your next crisis.

- **1. Have a regular prayer time.** Don't wonder when or if you'll get to pray again. Have a set time for prayer and ruthlessly protect it. Be as committed to prayer as you are to meals.
- **2.** Have a regular prayer place. Don't wonder where you'll be able to find a quiet place for prayer. Build a location into your discipline of peacetime praying. When your set time for prayer rolls around, be unyielding about staying in your set place.
- **3.** Have a regular prayer plan. Don't wonder what you'll say to God when you pray. Be systematic about your conversations with him. I use my Bible as my daily prayer guide. I can open it on any day and have plenty to talk to God about. Should the Spirit choose to lead me to different subjects, I try to be sensitive and obedient to that. But when I sit down to talk with God, I know where I intend to go. It takes much of the guesswork and wasted time out of my precious moments with God. He's your best friend...tell him everything!

Pray in advance, pray before crisis. That way, when the fire does break out in your life, you'll be prepared to keep right on praying.

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