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Introduction

In times of trouble, fear, and uncertainty, the Word of God calls us to “stand still” and trust in His salvation. This sermon booklet explores the profound biblical truths behind the phrase “stand still,” its Hebrew meanings, and historical examples of individuals who experienced God’s deliverance. As we delve deeper into Scripture and history, we will discover the power of stillness and faith in the face of adversity.

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1. Understanding “Stand Still” in Scripture

Hebrew Meanings

- Exodus 14:13: The Hebrew phrase for “stand still” is “נָחָה” (ḥāzū), meaning to be quiet, to be at rest, or to be still. This conveys a sense of calmness and trust in God’s action.
- 2 Chronicles 20:15: The phrase “stand still” is also conveyed through the Hebrew word “עָמַד” (‘amdu), meaning to take a stand, to remain, or to stand firm. This emphasizes standing firm in faith while waiting for God’s deliverance.

Biblical Context

The call to “stand still” is often issued in moments of crisis when God’s people face overwhelming challenges. It serves as a reminder that, in our waiting, we are not idle; rather, we are actively trusting in the Lord’s power and provision.

2. Instances of “Stand Still” in the Bible

The phrase “stand still” or its equivalent appears in various forms throughout the Bible. Here are a few notable instances:

1. Exodus 14:13: Moses tells the Israelites to “stand still” and see the salvation of the Lord.

2. 2 Chronicles 20:15: Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, is told by the Spirit of the Lord to “stand still” and see the deliverance from their enemies.

3. 1 Samuel 12:16: Samuel tells the people to “stand still” and see the great thing the Lord will do.

4. Psalm 46:10: “Be still, and know that I am God.” This verse conveys a similar meaning of stillness and trust in God.

5. Habakkuk 2:1: The prophet Habakkuk says, “I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart,” reflecting the idea of standing firm in expectation of God’s response.

6. Joshua 3:8: The priests are instructed to stand in the Jordan River, signifying a moment of waiting for God’s action.

3. Historical Stories of Standing Still

Story of George Washington at Valley Forge

During the harsh winter of 1777-1778, George Washington and his troops faced starvation and despair. Rather than retreating or giving in to fear, Washington called his men to prayer and reflection. They “stood still” in faith, trusting in God’s provision. Their perseverance led to eventual victory and the turning point of the American Revolutionary War.

The Story of Martin Luther King Jr.

In the face of oppression and violence during the Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King Jr. often spoke of nonviolent resistance. He encouraged his followers to “stand still” in their faith and commitment to justice, trusting that God would bring about change. His steadfastness inspired a generation and led to significant advancements in civil rights.

The Story of Horatio Spafford

After losing his four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, Horatio Spafford penned the hymn “It Is Well with My Soul.” In his darkest hour, he exemplified what it means to “stand still” and see the salvation of the Lord. His faith and trust in God’s goodness amidst suffering continue to inspire believers today.

The Story of the Apostle Paul

In Acts 27, Paul finds himself on a ship caught in a violent storm. Despite the chaos around him, he stands firm in his faith, reassuring the crew that they will be saved. His calmness in the storm serves as a powerful testimony of trusting God amidst life’s tumultuous seas.

4. Apostolic Pentecostal Missionaries and Their Stories

The Story of William Seymour

William Seymour, a key figure in the Azusa Street Revival, faced severe racial prejudice and persecution. Despite the challenges, he stood firm in his faith, believing in God's promise of revival. His perseverance and trust in God led to a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit that transformed lives and ignited the Pentecostal movement.

The Story of the Early Apostolic Church

During the early days of the Apostolic Church, believers faced intense persecution. In Acts 5, the apostles were imprisoned for preaching the Gospel. However, an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, and they were instructed to “stand still” and continue preaching. Their faithfulness in the face of danger led to the spread of the Gospel and the establishment of the Church.

The Story of Sister Aimee Semple McPherson

Aimee Semple McPherson, a prominent Pentecostal evangelist, faced numerous challenges, including personal attacks and legal battles. In the midst of her trials, she remained steadfast in her faith, trusting in God's power to deliver her. Her unwavering commitment to the Gospel resulted in a significant

revival and the founding of the Foursquare Church.

The Story of the Voice of the Martyrs

Organizations like Voice of the Martyrs highlight stories of modern-day missionaries who have faced persecution for their faith. Many of these believers have stood firm in their convictions, enduring imprisonment and suffering while trusting in God's deliverance. Their testimonies of faith often lead to miraculous escapes and the spread of the Gospel in hostile environments.

The Story of Brother Andrew (Open Doors)

Brother Andrew, known as the "God's Smuggler," faced immense danger while smuggling Bibles into communist countries. He often found himself in perilous situations where he had to rely on God's guidance and protection. In many instances, he experienced miraculous deliverance, escaping capture while faithfully spreading the Gospel.

The Story of Pastor Wang Yi (China)

Pastor Wang Yi, a prominent leader in the Chinese house church movement, was imprisoned for his faith and outspoken criticism of the government. During his imprisonment, he remained steadfast in his

commitment to Christ, encouraging other believers to stand firm in their faith. His story is a powerful testament to trusting God in the face of persecution.

The Story of the Apostolic Church in Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, many Apostolic Pentecostal believers have faced persecution for their faith, particularly during periods of political unrest. Despite threats and imprisonment, they have stood firm in their faith, often witnessing miraculous deliverance. Many have shared testimonies of how God intervened in their situations, leading to their release and the continued growth of the Church.

5. Lessons from the Life of Jesus

Throughout His ministry, Jesus modeled the principle of standing still in faith.

- **The Calm in the Storm (Mark 4:35-41):** While the disciples panicked during a storm, Jesus slept peacefully in the boat. When awakened, He simply spoke to the winds and waves, demonstrating His authority over nature. His presence in the storm teaches us that, even when chaos surrounds us, we can find peace in Him.
- **The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44):** When Jesus received news of Lazarus's illness, He deliberately

delayed His visit. By the time He arrived, Lazarus had died. Jesus told Martha, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” (John 11:40). This illustrates that standing still in faith can lead to witnessing God’s miraculous works.

6. Application and Reflection

- **Personal Reflection:** Consider a situation in your life where you need to “stand still.” Reflect on how you can trust God in that circumstance. What fears or doubts do you need to surrender to Him?
- **Group Discussion:** Share experiences within your community where you have witnessed God’s deliverance after standing firm in faith. How can we support one another in our waiting seasons?
- **Prayer Focus:** Encourage individuals to pray for the strength to stand still and trust in God’s timing and salvation. Create a space for sharing prayer requests and testimonies of faith.

7. Conclusion

The call to “stand still” is a powerful reminder of the need for faith, patience, and trust in God’s plan. As we reflect on the stories of those who have gone before us and the biblical precedents, let us embrace the peace that comes from standing firm in our faith, knowing that we will see the salvation of the Lord.

In our moments of waiting, let us remember that God is at work, and His deliverance is on the way.

8. Prayer and Meditation

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the assurance that You are our salvation. Help us to stand still in faith, trusting in Your perfect timing and plan. May we find peace in Your presence and witness Your mighty works in our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Final Thoughts: May this sermon booklet serve as a source of encouragement and strength as you navigate the challenges of life. Remember, when the storms of life rage, God calls us to “stand still” and trust in His unfailing love and salvation.

My expanded sermon booklet now includes additional stories of Apostolic Pentecostal missionaries who stood firm in their faith and witnessed God's deliverance.