



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

# STAND.

PART TWO

You Were Built for Standing

“...And having done all to stand, stand therefore...”  
Ephesians 6:13-14 (excerpt)

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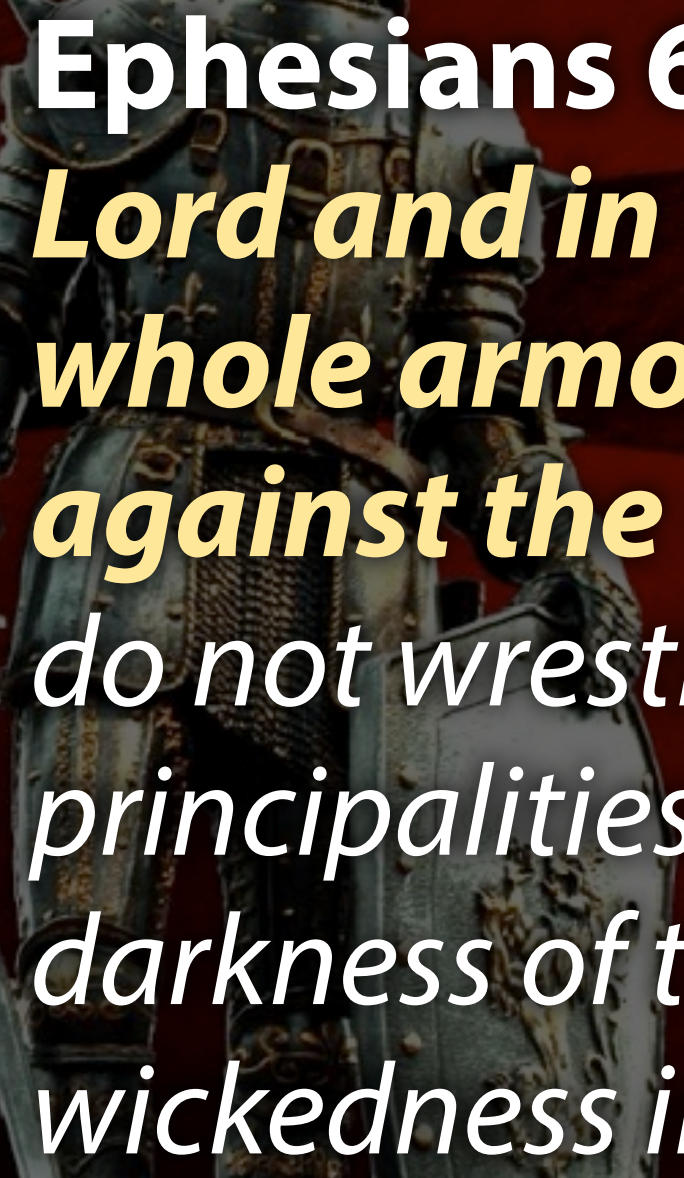


# You Are Imago Dei (Image of God)

*“The only one who knows all the facts and truth about the product is the manufacturer. Everyone else only has an opinion.”*

*~ Myles Munroe*



A knight in full plate armor stands on the left side of the image, holding a sword in his right hand and a shield in his left. The armor is highly detailed, showing various plates and joints. The background is a dark, reddish-brown color with a subtle texture.

**Ephesians 6:10**, *Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.** 11 Put on the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand **against the wiles [strategies] of the devil.** 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*





**Ephesians 6:13**, *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be **able to withstand** in the evil day, **and having done all, to stand**. 14 **Stand therefore...***



## Put On the Whole Armor of God

- **The waistband of truth** holds everything together
- **The breastplate of righteousness** to guard your heart
- **“Feet shod” or footwear** that takes you into places to share the Gospel of peace
- **The shield of faith** that wards off every attack of the enemy
- **The helmet of salvation** gives you assurance of your position in God
- **The sword of the Spirit** which empowers you exercise the word of God in every situation
- **PRAYER & SUPPLICATION ABOVE ALL** - Invites God’s grace over every activity



# Firm Foundation Bible Study



[Resource for April 17 Bible Study](#)  
[Barclay Commentary on Ephesians 6](#)  
*(Read notes on Eph. 6:10-20)*

[Enduring Word Commentary on Ephesians 6:10-20](#)

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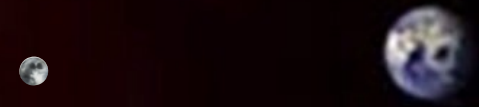


# You Were Built for Standing

God's strength and might in your life comes from His consistency, from His word, and from the order He has established in creation.



Moon Earth



**God's consistency and power is reflected in His creation.**





## Only Stand in God's Strength

**1 Corinthians 10:12** *Therefore let him **who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.** 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, **who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.***



A knight in full plate armor stands on the left side of the image, holding a sword in his right hand and a shield in his left. The armor is highly detailed with various plates and rivets. The background is a dark, reddish-brown color with a subtle, darker red shape behind the knight.

**God and the things of God are consistent.**

**Things that are consistent make you stronger.**

**Things that are inconsistent make you weaker.**

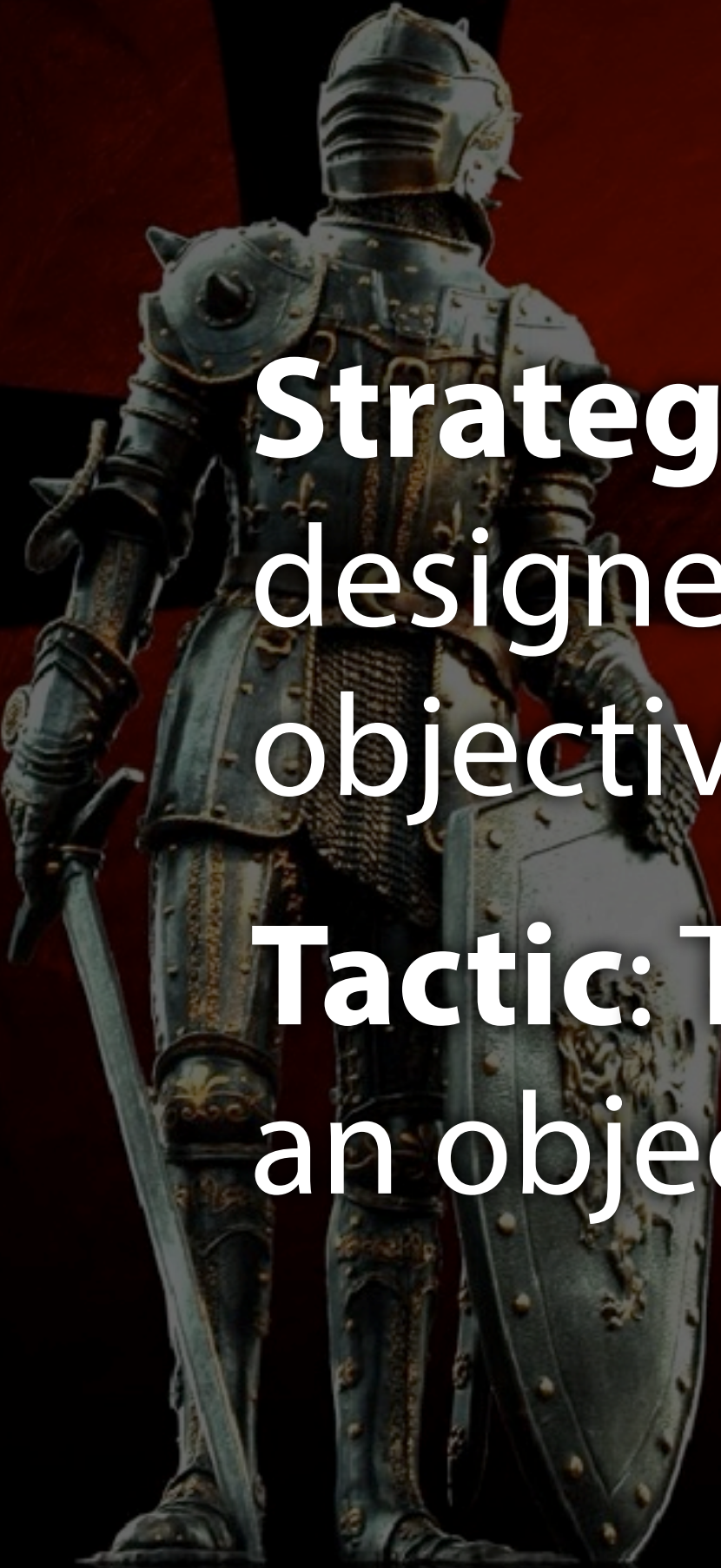


A full suit of medieval plate armor, including a helmet, breastplate, gauntlets, greaves, and a shield, standing against a dark red background. The armor is highly detailed with rivets and decorative elements.

## Genesis 8:22

*“While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night shall not cease.”*

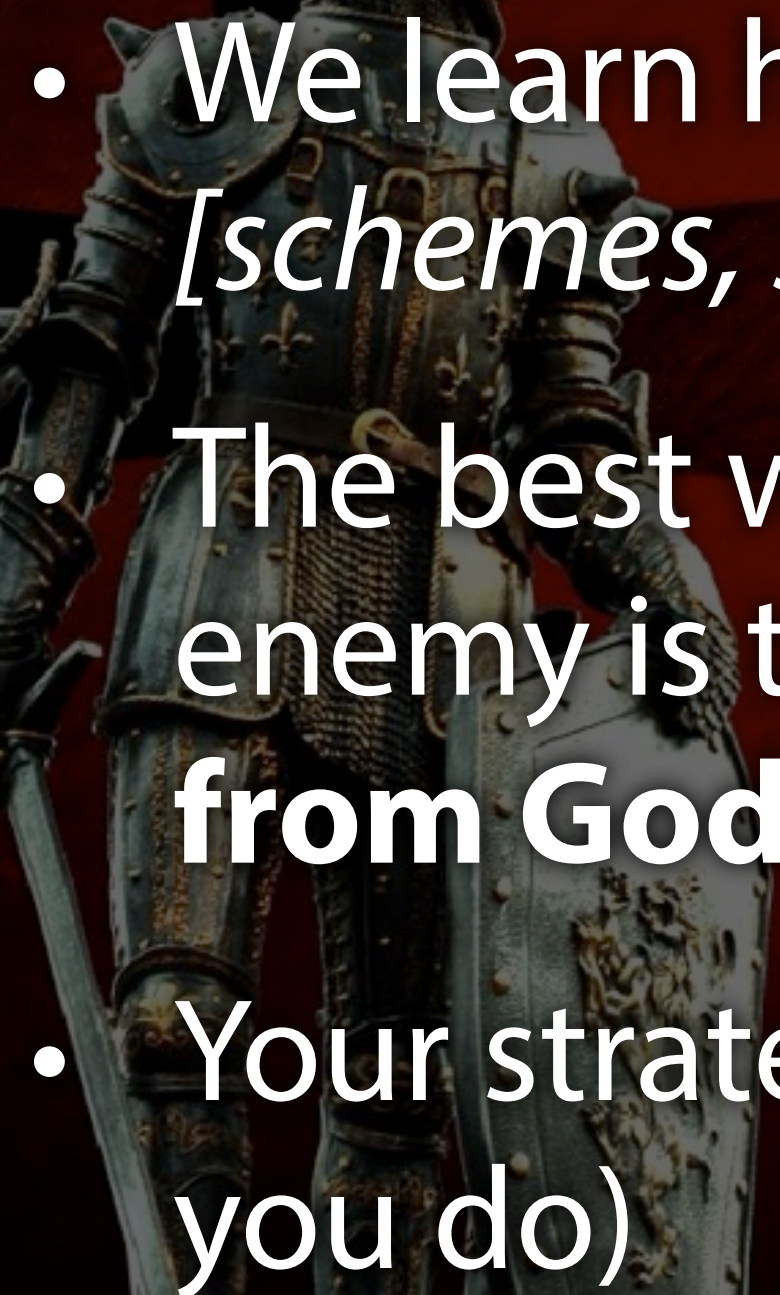




**Strategy:** A plan of action or policy designed to achieve a major or overall objective.

**Tactic:** The actual means used to gain an objective,



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- We learn how to, *“Stand against the wiles [schemes, strategies] of the devil.”*
  - The best way to overcome the strategies of the enemy is to **have your own strategy (plan) from God.**
  - Your strategy will define your tactics (things you do)



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**One of the devil's strategies is distraction:**

Hindering and disrupting God's plan in the lives of believers and preventing unbelievers from coming to faith in Christ.

**Remember the "Path Principle"**



## The Path Principle

**Proverbs 7:6** *For at the window of my house  
I looked through my lattice, 7 And saw among the  
simple, I perceived among the [a]youths,  
A young man devoid of understanding, 8  
Passing along the street near her corner;  
And he took the path to her house 9 In the twilight,  
in the evening, in the black and dark night.*



# The Path Principle (from Andy Stanley)

A path is a direction leading to a destination. When you step onto a path, your intentions don't matter because you are going to go where ever that path leads.



**Another one of the enemy's strategies:**

**Making lesser things the main thing:**

There is a saying, "***Keep the main thing, the main thing.***"



## The MAIN THING...

**Ephesians, 1:4** *Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.*



# The MAIN THING...

***Chosen***

***Holy***

***Predestined as children of God***

***Doing the good pleasure of His will.***



## What is your “Main Thing?”

**Romans 5:2** *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.*

**Galatians 5:1**, *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. **Stand firm**, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

**Psalm 1:1**, *Blessed is the one who **does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers.***



# Eugene Parker (1956 – 2016)

Sports Agent and Mentor



<https://www.si.com/nfl/2016/04/15/eugene-parker-nfl-agent-death>