

Standing In Sufferings

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1 Peter 5:1-11

In contests of strength, the "last man standing" is always victorious! On the banks of the Red Sea, Moses encouraged the Israelites to "Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring" (Exod. 14:13b) In the Hebrew Psalter we read "he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand" (Ps. 40:2b).

C. S. Lewis writes: "Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is . . . You find out the strength of a wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later . . . We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because he was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means—the only complete realist."*

Only in Christ are we able to "Resist [the devil], standing firm in the faith," because Christ Jesus is Alpha-Omega, the "last man standing" (Col. 1:15b).

*C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, (San Francisco: Harper Books, 2001)

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