

Just Stand - Nov. 11, 2020

Corp. Duane Edgar Dewey, USM - "I got it in the hip"

He was wounded, but willing to keep on fighting.

2 Cor. 4:8-9 - we may be wounded, "but not crushed;
perplexed, but not in despair;
Persecuted, but never abandoned by God.
Knocked down, but not destroyed!

Ephesians 6:10-18 - "**Be strong in the Lord** and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand 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 stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.** 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. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

5 Points for 5 Branches of the Military:

① Be Strong in the Lord

We weren't created w/ supernatural strength. Supernatural God.
Stop trying to be God.

② Put on the full armor of God

Be prepared. A fight is coming. **Can't wait to get ready**
We're all going to experience battles. Don't be disillusioned.
(If not, devil doesn't think you need to be stopped).

- Shield of Faith... Protect your heart.
- Helmet of Salvation... Protect your mind.
- Belt of Truth... Know God's truth.
- Shoes of Peace... Peacemaker.

③ **We're not fighting each other.**

Struggle is "not against flesh and blood."

We're battling our minds.

Wrestling with guilt. Anger. Bitterness. Jealousy. Insecurity.
Looking for love.

④ **Armor is our Defense. God does the Fighting.**

Stop trying to fight your battle. ... **Just Stand**

Deut. 1:30 - "The LORD your God who goes before you will fight for you, just as you saw Him do for you in Egypt."

2 Chron. 20:17 - "You need not fight this battle. Take up your positions, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out and face them tomorrow, for the LORD is with you."

⑤ **Just stand.**

Vs. 13 - Put on the armor so... **you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.**

Get back up. Don't sit down and quit. Stand is Power.

We've All Been Wounded

We've all experienced loss, difficulties, etc.

Things we don't understand and don't make sense.

Just Stand . . . Don't sit down or quit.

Song of the Week - "**Stand**" by Donnie McClurkin