Outline #12 THE CALL TO STAND

1. The Great Battle Between Good and Evil
   a) Ephesians 6:10 Why did the apostle Paul encourage believers in Ephesus to be strong in the LORD and the power of His might?
   b) Ephesians 6:11 What important revelation does the apostle Paul provide regarding the great battle between good and evil?
   c) Where else in the Scriptures do we find additional revelation about the great battle between good and evil? Revelation 12:7-12, etc.

2. Organized forces of evil
   a) Ephesians 6:12 What is your impression regarding these forces of darkness? (See also Ephesians 1:21, 3:10)
   b) How extensive are these forces of evil? Revelation 12:4
   c) The verb “wrestle” in Ephesians 6:12 implies close quarters hand-to-hand combat. Why are the powers of darkness so opposed to those who follow Jesus?
   d) How did Satan and his evil associates attack the LORD’s servant Job? Job 1:1-5, 6-12, 13-22, 2:1-10
   e) What are some of the Devil’s schemes that are evident in the world today? (Ephesians 6:11)
   f) Share a time when you felt a direct attack from Satan and the powers of darkness.

3. Finding strength and protection in the LORD
   a) Ephesians 6:10 Read Paul’s earnest appeal again. How can we find strength and protection in the LORD? Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:10, etc.
   b) Why is it important to remember that we cannot fight this spiritual battle with the weapons of this world? 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
   c) How does the apostle Paul describe the armor (panoply) of God? Ephesians 6:13-17
   d) We’ll examine this armor in greater detail in a future study, but what important insights can you find in the opening phrases of Ephesians 6:11 and 6:13?
   e) Paul gives another description of armor in Romans 13:11-14. What additional insights do you see not mentioned in Ephesians 6?
   f) Share a time when you became keenly aware you were covered with the armor of God and receiving supernatural protection.
   g) What encouragement would you offer to someone who feels under spiritual attack? What promises in the Scriptures offer hope?