

# Ekklesia: Stand

Week of June 20: Ephesians 6:10-20

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## Observation

1. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. What stands out to you as you read?
2. What questions do you have?

### **Observation: What does it say?**

1. What do you notice about the text?  
Things to look for:
  - repeating words and phrases
  - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
  - contrasts and comparisons
  - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
  - cause and effect relationships
  - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
  - grammar
  - larger themes in the passage
  - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

# Interpretation

1. What is the purpose of this armour according to the text? Why is this so important?

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2. Paul notes in verse 11 that they should take on the *full* armour of God. How do you think the different elements that Paul mentions might work together?

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3. Notice how verses 18-20 move to a focus on prayer. What do you think it means to pray in the Spirit? What role does prayer have in both our standing firm, as well as in our sharing in the gospel?

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## Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

# Application

1. Paul uses the form of a battle address in this part of his letter, which implies the addressing of an army of soldiers together. Roman soldiers would not have fought alone! As Christians, how does our community help us both to live out our calling, as well as to stand against the schemes of the devil?
2. What does it look like for us to be 'strong in the Lord' today and why is this necessary? Do you think that we can be strong in the Lord without actually feeling strong?

# Suggestion for Prayer

Take time to pray for our church: for the leaders and for those you know who are in need.