

Warfare! The Objective

“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 firm.” Ephesians 6:13 (ESV)

By _____ his position, Jackson was nicknamed _____.

The Reason For Taking Up God’s Armor

A. Ephesians 6 - The armor given to Christ’s followers:

1. 6:10 - The key to our _____ lies in the _____ of the Lord, not our own.
2. 6:11 - We are to put on the _____ armor of God so we may be able to _____ against the _____ of the devil.
3. 6:12 - We are fighting against the spiritual _____ of _____.
4. 6:13,14a - _____ more times Paul calls on us to _____, an objective only made possible by God’s _____.

B. Why “stand” is a vital objective:

1. Exodus 14:13,14 - _____ told Israel to _____ not, but to stand _____; the Lord would _____ for them.
2. Deuteronomy 1:28-30 - The same people of Israel would later wave the _____ _____ . They did not believe that the Lord would _____ for them as they entered Canaan.

The Call To Stand (And Keep On Standing)

A. Ephesians 6:13,14a - The idea here is similar to our English idiom of “_____ a stand” - to _____ something dear.

B. Other calls to stand:

1. Romans 5:2 - Through Christ we have _____ by faith into this _____ in which we stand.
2. Romans 11:20 - If we don’t stand _____ through _____, we may be _____ off as Israel was.
3. 1 Corinthians 10:12 - Do we think we _____? Take heed lest you _____.
4. 1 Peter 5:12 - Peter exhorted his readers to stand _____ in the _____ grace of God.
5. Hebrews 10:39 - The alternative is to _____ back - to turn our backs and _____.

C. God didn’t order Israel to _____ the _____ army, but to “_____”.

2 Corinthians 13:5 - _____ yourselves.

Central Church of Christ, Johnson City, Tennessee, June 23, 2019, a.m.