

# Standing Firm In Adversity

*1 Peter 5:8-12*

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Christians face opposition in this fallen world whether we know it or not. The apostle Peter ends his first epistle to a suffering people with a reminder of the spiritual warfare in which they lived as well as the antidote to discouragement: be sober in spirit, be on the alert, resist the devil and stand firm in the grace of God. Peter identifies our adversary as the devil who seeks to distract, deceive and destroy. But God rules and overrules and uses his ploys to accomplish His purpose.

So we must:

I. \_\_\_\_\_ aware of spiritual warfare. (5:8)

II. \_\_\_\_\_ the devil and desist from pity parties. (5:9)

III. \_\_\_\_\_ God's mighty hand can make us stand. (5:10-12)