

# Standing Firm

## Series: Life Hacks

*We did not want any of you to lose heart at the troubles you were going through, but to realize that we Christians must expect such things.* 1 Thessalonians 3:3 (PHILLIPS)

*It gives us new life to know that you are standing firm in the Lord.* 1 Thessalonians 3:8 (NLT)

### Three Steps To Standing Firm

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Faith

*Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith.* 1 Thessalonians 3:10 (NLT)

*These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.* 1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

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#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Love

*And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows.* 1 Thessalonians 3:12 (NLT)

*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.* 1 John 4:16 (NIV)

*I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.* Philippians 1:9 (NLT)

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Heart

*May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy.* 1 Thessalonians 3:13 (NLT)

*Yes, be patient. And take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.* James 5:8 (TLB)

*David found strength in the Lord his God.* 1 Samuel 30:6 (NLT)

*I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.* Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT)