



## Stand Firm

### Preparing for Arrival

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." 1 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

#### II. Ways we can spend our time

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1-2)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.6-7)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8)

#### III. Where do I put my hope and trust?

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"Cursed is the strong one who depends on mere humans, who thinks he can make it on muscle alone and sets GOD aside as dead weight. He's like a tumbleweed on the prairie, out of touch with the good earth. He lives rootless and aimless in a land where nothing grows" Jer. 17:5-6

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8-10)

"God is our refuge, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride" Psalm 46:1-3

**Let us be a church, a people, that is ready and longing for Jesus' return. JESUS IS COMING SOON!**



## Sit and think on it



### Are you prepared for arrival?

In what ways have you felt or are you feeling apprehension today?

Does thinking about Jesus' return make you apprehensive or excited? Why?

What things do you feel you need to do so that you do feel ready for Jesus' arrival?

In light of reading 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 what do you feel your actions should reflect?

How have you found yourself trying to earn your salvation rather than believing that you have inherited it through sonship through Jesus Christ?

How can I show the excitement of knowing that I am sure of my salvation when Jesus does arrive?

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

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