

## The Message Notes

**Message:** *Stand Your Ground*

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**Text:** James 4:4-7

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*<sup>4</sup> You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him. <sup>6</sup> And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. <sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

**Objective:** Our objective is to encourage believers to stand their ground and not give in to the enemy when facing challenges as they strive to live a life of holiness.

To make the devil flee, we must first humble ourselves before God.

1. Verse 7 – ...*Humble yourselves before God.*
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ to God – Philippians 2:5-8 *<sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. <sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ for God – Romans 12:1 - *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ God – John 12:26 – *If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."*

Once we've humbled ourselves, we are then able to resist the devil.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself – Ephesians 6:10 -18

What are the pieces of the Armor of God?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's word – Matthew 4:4 -11

Jesus was tempted by the devil in 3 areas. Those areas are also found in 1 John 2:16. What are they?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ with God – Philippians 4:6

a. What does the first part of verse 6 tell us to do?

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b. After we've prayed about everything, what does verse 7 tell us we'll experience?

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c. What does verse 7 tell us God's peace will do for us?

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**TAKEAWAY** – When we live a submitted life to God, we are then able to use our spiritual armor to resist the devil, thereby causing him to flee.