

UNDAUNTED COURAGE

COURAGE TO STAND FIRM

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2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

A CBS News team covering the 1989 protests in Beijing recorded a man stopping a Chinese tank in Tiananmen Square. This image would become one of the most iconic of all time. The man became known as “tank man.” Richard Roth, in his original report asking why someone would do what this man did asked the following question. “Is it courage, outrage, or madness?” You will face trials, temptations, disappointments, difficulty, and perhaps even persecution. Through all of these things you must stand firm in Jesus Christ. You must stand firm on biblical truth. The real question is “how”? How can I courageously stand firm for truth and righteousness? The apostle Paul had been informed about the incredible opposition and persecution the Christians in Thessalonica were experiencing. In this second letter, Paul challenged the believers to be courageous and stand firm. He did not merely tell them to stand firm, Paul taught them how to do so.



Key thought: You must be courageous and stand firm as a follower of Jesus Christ.

(Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:9; Psalm 27:14; Psalm 31:24; Isaiah 35:4)

1. Courage flows from having confidence in the saving work of Christ. (verses 13-14)

(Matthew 9:2,22; 14:27)

2. Standing firm is rooted in your confidence in the person and promises of God. (verse 15)

(1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:11, 13-14)

Take away: (verses 16-17)

1. Remember you are loved!
2. Remember what you have been given!
3. Rest in God’s promises!
4. Remain faithful, no matter what!