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STAND YOUR GROUND

James 1:2-5 (VOICE)

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"God blesses those people who refuse evil advice and won't follow sinners or join in sneering at God. [2] Instead, the Law of the Lord makes them happy, and they think about it day and night. [3] They are like trees growing beside a stream, trees that produce fruit in season and always have leaves. Those people succeed in everything they do."

Psalms 1:1-3 (CEV)

1. Am I Where I Need to Be?

"[2] Don't run from tests and hardships, brothers and sisters.

"[10] A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. [11] Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. [12] For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."
Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT)

2. Am I Committed to God's Plan in the Difficult Times?

"[3] As difficult as they are, you will ultimately find joy in them; if you embrace them, your faith will blossom under pressure and teach you true patience as you endure."

3. Am I Content Where I Am?

"[4] And true patience brought on by endurance will equip you to complete the long journey and cross the finish line—mature, complete, and wanting nothing."

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"[12] I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. [13] I can do all this through him who gives me strength." **Philippians 4:12-13**

4. Am I Going to God First and Foremost for Answers?

"[5] If you don't have all the wisdom needed for this journey, then all you have to do is ask God for it; and God will grant all that you need. He gives lavishly and never scolds you for asking."

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