



# ARISE AND BUILD

Neh. 2:20

**“...we his servants will arise and build...”**

*“Overcoming Discouragement”*

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that **the same afflictions** are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But **the God of all grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Last week, we considered “Building Encouragement.”  
This morning we will consider another facet of  
encouragement by...

## FACING ADVERSITY AND FIGHTING FOR VICTORY

...and, consequently, “Overcoming Discouragement.”

### I. THE REALITY OF ADVERSITY

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary  
the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking  
whom he may devour:

A. Be Maintaining a Diligent Lifestyle of Vigilance –  
“Be sober, be **vigilant**...”

Three of the gravest failings, want of sense, of courage,  
or of vigilance.

Thucydides

<https://www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/vigilance.html?p=7>

vigilance

keenly watchful to detect danger; wary:

*a vigilant sentry.*

ever awake and alert; sleeplessly watchful.

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/vigilant>

**Original Word:** γρηγορέω

**Transliteration:** grégoreó

**Definition:** to be awake, to watch

**Usage:** (a) I am awake (in the night), watch, (b) I am watchful, on the alert, vigilant.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1127.htm>

Mt. 26:41 **Watch** and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

1Co 16:13 **Watch** ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Col 4:2 Continue in prayer, and **watch** in the same with thanksgiving;

1 Thess. 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us **watch** and be sober.

B. Be Motivated by Discernment of one Lurking for a Victim –“... because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

2 Cor. 2:11 Lest **Satan should get an advantage of us:** for **we are not ignorant of his devices.**

- ❖ Our adversary is just as real as a rattlesnake lurking in the shadows ready to strike an unsuspecting victim.

Mt. 7:15 **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**



<https://www.christiantruthcenter.com/exposing-ravening-wolves-in-sheeps-clothing/>

2 Cor. 11:13 For such *are* **false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.**

14 And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if **his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works.

❖ Victory, and encouragement, requires vigilance and resistance = fighting the good fight of faith!

Josh. 10:25 And Joshua said unto them, **Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage**: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies **against whom ye fight.**

1 Tim. 6:12 **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called,



## II. THE RESISTANCE AMID AFFLICTIONS

1 Pet. 5:9 Whom **resist steadfast in the faith**, knowing that **the same afflictions** are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1 Jn. 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**

A. The Action to Engage – “...resist steadfast in the faith...”

Jas. 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

Eph. 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, **that ye may be able to withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

2 Cor. 10:4 (For **the weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

1 Tim. 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest **war a good warfare**;

2 Tim. 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same **commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**

3 Thou therefore **endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

4 **No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**

❖ Our focus is not upon our own strength, but upon Christ.

Phil. 4:13 **I can do all things through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

B. The Afflictions to Envision – “...knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

1 Cor. 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you **but such as is common to man**: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

### III. THE REHABILITATION OF ATTRIBUTES

1 Pet. 5:10 But **the God of all grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

## A. The Purpose of Suffering

1 Pet. 5:10 “But **the God of all grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while...**”

“We may not know all the reasons for suffering, but, in this text it is evident that the purpose is for our spiritual growth.”

2 Peter 1:5-9 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

B. The Progression of Spirituality – “...**make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**”

**Original Word:** καταρτίζω

**Usage:** (a) I fit (join) together; met: I compact together, (b) act. and mid: I prepare, **perfect**, for his (its) full destination or use, bring into its proper condition

*katartízō* – **properly, exactly fit (adjust) to be in good working order, i.e. adjusted exactly "down" to fully function.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2675.htm>

**Original Word:** στηρίζω

**Usage:** (a) I fix firmly, direct myself towards, (b) generally met: I buttress, prop, support; I strengthen, **establish**.

*stēρίζō* – **properly, set fast (fix); give support to secure (firmly establish); solidly plant (which eliminates vacillation).**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4741.htm>

**Original Word:** σθενόω

**Definition:** to **strengthen**

*sthenóō* – **properly, make strong so as to be mobile – i.e. able to move in a way that achieves something in the most effective way.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4599.htm>

**Original Word:** θεμελιόω

**Usage:** I found, lay the foundation (lit. and met.).

(“**settle** you”)

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2311.htm>

## C. The Preeminence of the Savior

1 Pet. 5:11 **To him** *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.



## Summary

- ❖ Faithful believers will face the **ADVERSARY**.
- ❖ Faithful believers will fight **AFFLICTIONS**.
- ❖ Faithful believers will fortify **ATTRIBUTES**.

“perfect” = making adjustment in order to finish the goal.

→ **adjustments**

“stablish” = developing consistency with no vacillation.

→ **attitude**

“strengthen” = mobility for efficiency in order to accomplish the goal. → **agility**

“settle” = the foundation of our faith, strong enough to endure all challenges. → **adamancy**

## Conclusion

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

Josh. 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: **for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.**

Josh. 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: **as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.**

Josh. 3:7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, **as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.**