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STAND FIRM BY FOCUSING ON JESUS

Philippians 4:1

Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

I. Let's look at Paul's view of the people he was ministering to through this letter:

- A. They were his 'brothers.'
- B. They were his 'dear friends.'
- C. Paul loved them (*desire for relationship*)
- D. Paul longed to be with them - (*desire for fellowship*)
- E. These people brought him joy. (*my joy*)
- F. These people were the focus of his ministry. (*my crown*)

II. Let's consider Paul's desire for these people who he dearly loved ... was that they would – **'stand firm.'**

- A. "This is how you should stand firm" (*This takes us back to what we have read in chapter 3.*)
 - 1. Rejoice in the Lord (3:1)
 - 2. Put no confidence in the flesh (3:2-6) ... instead place all your confidence in Christ (3:7-11)
 - 3. Keep your focus on who Christ is calling you to become like Him. (12-16)
 - 4. Look forward to Christ's return (17-21)

B. **The Point:** We are able to stand firm when we completely focus on Jesus Christ.

— Jesus Christ comes into focus when we gather around His Table.

— **Bread** - this is my body (*Jesus said, I became flesh so that you can know me...and see yourself.*)

— **Cup** - this is my blood (*Jesus said, I died - shed my blood - providing forgiveness so that you can have a personal intimate relationship with me – I was raised from the dead and now offer you life – eternal life.*)

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*Hymn No. 72 *We Will Glorify*

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

*Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 20

¹May the LORD answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

²May he send you help from the sanctuary
and grant you support from Zion.

³May he remember all your sacrifices
and accept your burnt offerings. *Selah*

⁴May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.

⁵We will shout for joy when you are victorious
and will lift up our banners in the name of our God.
May the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he answers him from his holy heaven
with the saving power of his right hand.

⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸They are brought to their knees and fall,
but we rise up and stand firm.

⁹O LORD, save the king!
Answer us when we call!

Responsive Reading

*Our Response to the Reading
of God's Word.*

All: **We thank the Lord that he answers our prayers,
protects, helps, and supports us. Today gather to give
our sacrifice of praise. May the words of our mouths
and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in His
sight.**

Pastor: May God give to us the desire of our hearts causing us to
shout for joy when He answers our prayers.

All: **We know that the Lord saves. We don't trust in our
might or in our power — We trust in the name of the
Lord our God.**

Pastor: With one another we rise up – together we stand firm.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn No. 293 *Rise Up, O Church of God*

Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O Church of God! His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O Church of God! The Church for you doth wait:
His strength shall make your spirit strong, Her service make you great.

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod,
As followers of the Son of Man Rise up, O Church of God!

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*Hymn No. 383 *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

(Repeat)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 105 *He is Lord* (*refrain*)

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*Postlude