

IN A WORLD OF THE END, BE DETERMINED

Matthew 24:13

Introduction

- I. The **Strength** of Our Stand – Matthew 24:13, Luke 9:62, 2 Timothy 2:3,8-10, James 1:12, Ephesians 6:10-13
- II. The **Stamina** of Our Stand – Matthew 24:13
 - A. **Perennial Stamina** – John 17:4, 2 Timothy 4:7, Luke 2:29, Isaiah 33:2, Isaiah 40:31, Acts 20:22-24
 - B. **Personal Stamina** – Matthew 24:2,4,6,9,12
- III. The **Satisfaction** of Our Stand – Matthew 24:13, Exodus 14:13, Romans 13:11, Acts 4:12
 - A. What This Salvation **Is Not** – John 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:12, 1 Peter 4:12-13
 - B. What This Salvation **Is** – 2 Timothy 4:18
- IV. The **Start** of Our Stand
 - A. Determine to **Run** Your **Race** – Luke 9:23, James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5
 - B. Determine to **React** with **Radiance** – Romans 12:12, 1 Peter 2:20-23
 - C. Determine to **Reach** Your **Goal** – Revelation 2:7, 11,26-28, Revelation 3:5,12,21, James 1:12, 2 Timothy 2:12

Conclusion

2. What does it mean to *endure* in your faith? How is enduring different than starting or even finishing the Christian journey? The Greek word for “endure” in Matthew 24 is “hupomeno,” which is a combination of “hupo” (under) and “meno” (stay or remain). So, the picture Jesus used to describe those who endure is those who are determined to stay under the load until Christ lifts the load. It refers to submitting to a specific directive or command, choosing to stay in a certain spot even if others have moved on or moved away.
3. Read John 16:33, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Peter 4:12-13. In what way does remaining steadfast in our commitment to Christ result in satisfaction? Our ability to endure to the end grows out of an intimate connection with Jesus, our Savior. We stand because we know Him. We don't earn that connection by standing for Him. For those who endure to the end, the Lord will rescue them from evil and bring them safely to His heavenly kingdom—and to Him be glory forever and ever!
4. Read Luke 9:23. Life brings bumps and bruises. What challenges have you faced as you continue to be steadfast in the faith? Pastor Jeremiah said, “Yes, trials and suffering make can make it more difficult for us to run the spiritual course set before us—but they don't have to. With God behind us and beside us, suffering becomes steadfastness. Pain becomes perseverance. And trials are transformed into a blessed hope that can carry us even toward perfection and completion, where we lack no good thing. So, how will you handle the bumps and bruises you receive in your efforts to follow Christ? Will you allow them to slow you down, or will you use them as fuel for your faithfulness? According to Scripture, the choice is yours.”

