



Don't Flinch: Stand

1 Peter 5:8-9

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."

Why does Peter liken Satan to a "roaring" lion?

When we think of a lion roaring, we think of a male lion

A male lion's roar is _____ and elicits _____ in those who hear it.

Therefore, it safe to say that a lion's roar is simply meant to intimidate you and convince you that you are not good enough. This is exactly how _____ operates.

Satan the Accuser:

1. **Threat:** " _____."
2. **Lie:** " _____."
3. **Accusation:** " _____."

Read Matthew 4:1-11

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him."



Withstanding the Roars of Satan

1. Cast Your Cares and STAND

Casting your care

- **1 Peter 5:6-9**
- Verse 7: “cast your care upon Him”

“Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

Care: “a state of mind in which one is troubled; worry, anxiety, or concern”

- Greek “merimna” from “meiro” or “to divide” and “noos” or “the mind”
- “Care” refers to our distractions, anxieties, burdens and worries.

Ephesians 6:14

“Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,”

Stand

It is significant that Paul put truth first in the armor.

- Paul understood the attire of a Roman soldier.
- Successful spiritual warfare depends on having God’s truth in our minds.

What is the belt of truth?

1. A knowledge of God (who is truth)
 2. A knowledge of THE truth of God
 3. These truths lead to a life change that is consistent with God’s character
- Ex: Does God cause people to be sick? Natural disasters?
 - Ex: Did God cause Covid-19? Does He cause sickness?



2. Tell the enemy who you are and whose you are

When the devil hears you assert yourself, he has to shut his mouth.

John 16:13-15

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

3. Settle Down

1 Peter 5:10

“But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.” (NKJV)

“Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up. You’re not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It’s the same with Christians all over the world. So, keep a firm grip on the faith. The suffering won’t last forever. It won’t be long before the generous God who has great plans for us in Christ – eternal and glorious plans they are! – will have you put together and on your feet for good.” (The Message)

1. Suffering as temporary compared to eternity
2. Let Jesus “perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you!”