

Standing Firm Through Challenging Times

Phil 1:27-30

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SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:27-30

- 27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel

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- ²⁸ and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.

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- 29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake

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- ³⁰ having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear *is* in me

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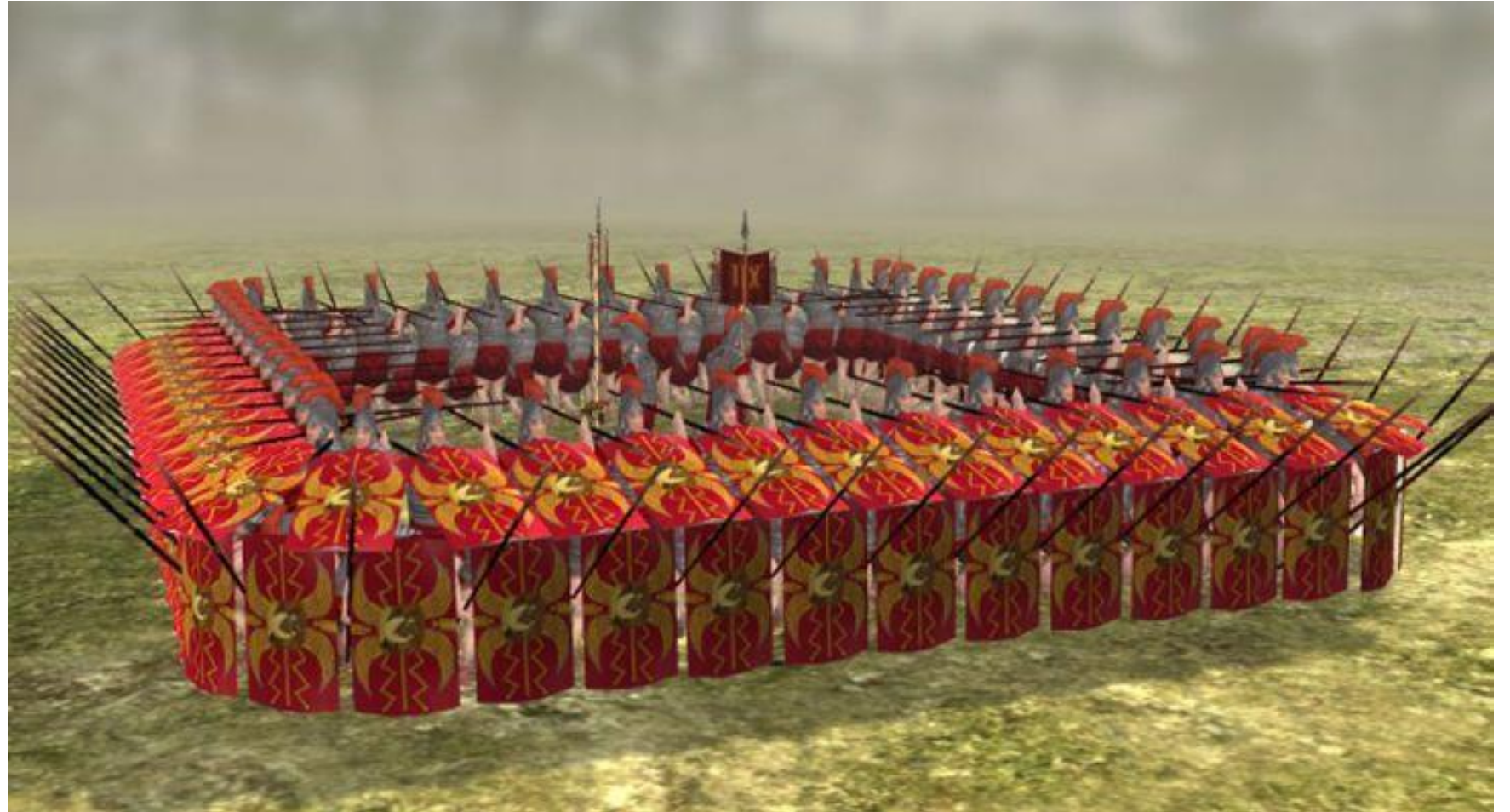
- **1. Living Consistently,**
- **2. Learning to co-operate,**
- **3. Enduring Suffering.**

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Roman Soldiers Battle Formation



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1 Thessalonians 2:2

- ² You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition.

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Acts 9:15-16

- But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."

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John 15:18-25

- **18** “If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. **19** The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

John 15:18-25

- ²⁰ Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you. ²¹ They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the one who sent me.

John 15:18-25

- ²² They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Anyone who hates me also hates my Father.

John 15:18-25

- ²⁴ If I hadn't done such miraculous signs among them that no one else could do, they would not be guilty. But as it is, they have seen everything I did, yet they still hate me and my Father. ²⁵ This fulfills what is written in their Scriptures: 'They hated me without cause.'

Luke 9:23

- ²³ Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

John 16:33

- **33** I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

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2 Timothy 3:12 NLT

- **12** Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Isaiah 5:20-21

- 20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- 21 Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes,
And prudent in their own sight!

1 Pet 4:12-13

- ¹² Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

1 Pet 2:21-23 NLT

- **21** For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered^[a] for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

1 Peter 4:16 & 19 NLT

- **16** But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!
- **19** So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.

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Heb 12:2

- ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Conclusion

- Be Consistent – Live as citizens of Christ's Kingdom
- Learn to Co-operate – Stand in Unity
- Endure suffering – Looking ahead