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# 1st Thessalonians

3:8 For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.

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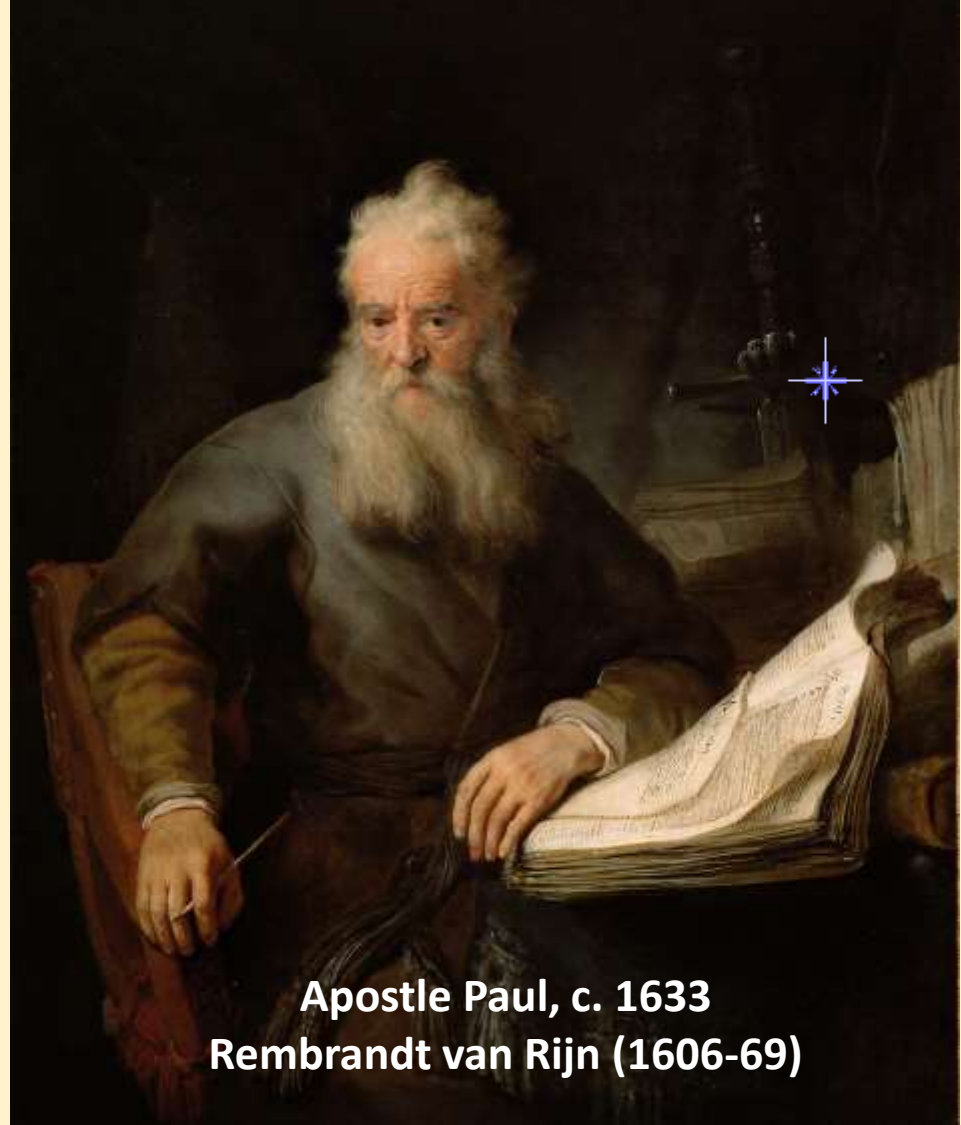
+ 3:1-14 – Your Pastor's Heart

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Apostle Paul, c. 1633  
Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-69)

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**Alternate Title #1**

**Your Faith *IS***  
**Our Life**



**Alternate Title #2**

# **Your Pastor's Heart**



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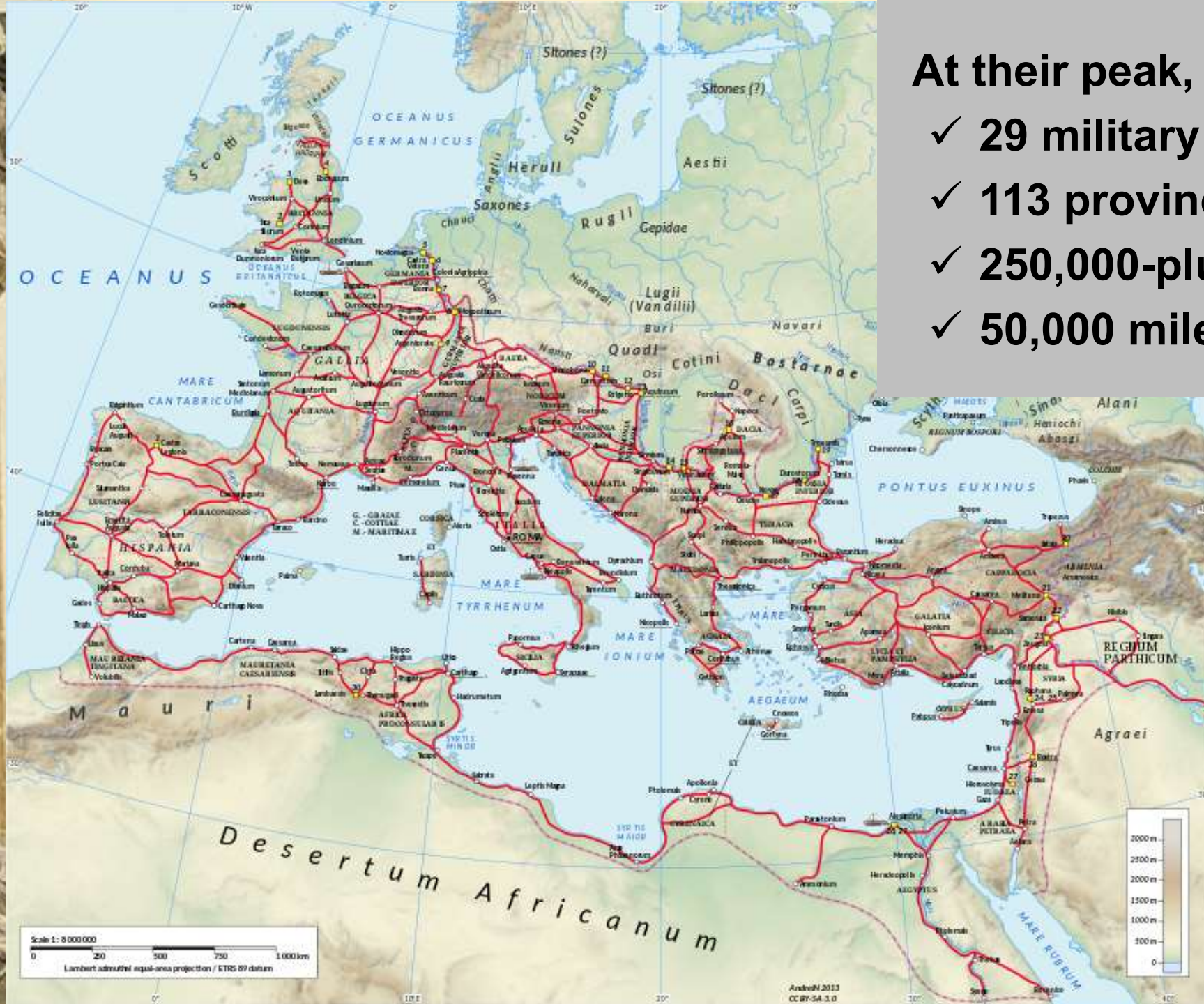
**I never saw this before ... not sure if it's legit ...  
Roads built by the Roman Empire  
On an otherwise credible site  
So I looked it up ... and found**





At their peak, Rome had

- ✓ 29 military highways
- ✓ 113 provinces had 372 roads
- ✓ 250,000-plus miles
- ✓ 50,000 miles stone paved



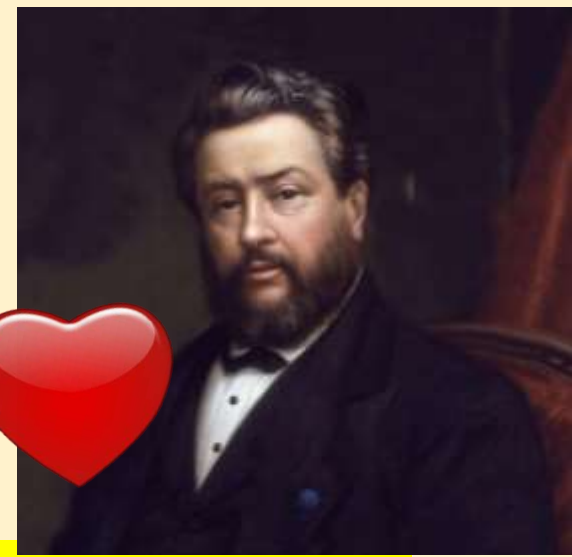
1884 Charles H. Spurgeon spoke on **1 Thess 3:8**

“For now we really **LIVE**, since you are **STANDING FIRM** in the Lord.”

MINISTERS, who are really sent of God, greatly rejoice in the spiritual prosperity of their people. If they see God’s word prosper, they prosper; if the church of God is blessed, they are blessed.

Their life is wrapped up in the spiritual life of their people.

Never is the servant of God so full of delight as when he sees that the Holy Spirit ... making them to know the Lord, and confirming them in that heavenly knowledge.





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**“For now we really live,  
since you are standing firm in the Lord.”**

**On the other hand, if God does not bless the  
word of his servants it is like death to them.**

**To be preaching and to have no blessing makes them heavy  
of heart: the chariot-wheels are taken off, and**

**they drag heavily along:**

**they seem to have no power nor liberty.**

**They get depressed, and they go back to their Master, with  
this complaint, “Who hath believed our report? and to whom  
hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?”**



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**“For now we really live,  
since you are standing firm in the Lord.”**

He revives and cheers them ... yet if  
they do not see a manifest blessing resting upon  
the people, they cry & sigh, & are like dying men.  
If the Lord willed to do so, he might have  
made automatons to preach ...  
only need to be wound up ... to run down again;  
they would have no feelings of joy or of sorrow ...  
been invulnerable to the arrows of grief.





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**“For now we really live,  
since you are standing firm in the Lord.”**

But the sympathy of the preacher is

God’s great instrument for blessing the hearer....


There is a living fellow-feeling ... the power which

**God has in all ages been pleased to use —**

the power of a spirit which God has made sensitive with affection, so sensitive that it rises to joy when its affectionate purpose is accomplished, and

**sinks to depths of grief when that purpose fails.**





**<sup>1</sup> So when we could stand it no longer,  
we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens.**

**I've been saying he wrote from Corinth ... Acts 17-18  
but Paul and Silas had not gone to Corinth yet**

**<sup>2</sup> We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in  
God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to  
strengthen and encourage you in your faith,**

**<sup>3</sup> so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.  
For you know quite well that we are destined for them.**

**Paul felt what? Paul felt that THEY KNEW what?**

**They were DESTINED for TRIALS**



**Paul continues ...**

**<sup>4</sup> In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted.**

**And it turned out that way, as you well know.**

**Acts 17-18 does not tell us what happened when Paul and crew left Thessalonica for Athens ... before Corinth**

**Yet Paul wasn't concerned with his TRIALS ... *lesson for us!***

**<sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith.**



**I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.**

**Paul still worried about Satan's work ... but finds good news**

<sup>6</sup> But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love.

He has told us you always have pleasant memories of us & that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you

because of your **FAITH**.

<sup>8</sup> For now we really **LIVE**, since you are **STANDING FIRM** in the Lord.

Paul reveals his heart ... the true Pastor's Heart

Did you catch that? ..... How he **LIVES** in persecution?





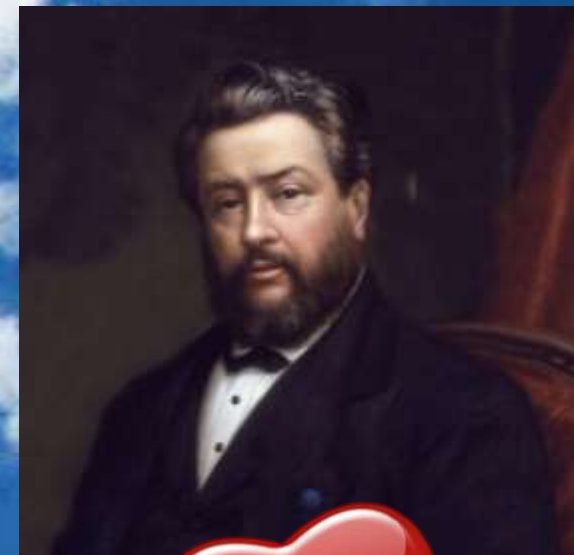
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Spurgeon continues**

**But these are evil times ... like of which I have  
not before seen ... foundations are removed**

**The winds are out. The tacklings are loosed.  
The mariners reel to and fro. Everything seems  
drifting. Men know not where they are.**

**Half the professing Christians of the present day  
do not know their heads from their heels, and the  
half that do know seem inclined to take to their heels and run,  
rather than stand steadfast.... It's time *Spurgeon said in 1884***

**It's time that we spoke ... concerning **STEADFASTNESS****



**We are watching one of the greatest examples of  
Patriotism Today**

**Ukrainian Pres. Zelenskyy challenged the WORLD to fight  
He even encouraged using Churchill's great words in WWII**



**Never give in, Never give in. Never,  
never, never—in nothing, great or  
small, larger or petty—never give in,  
except to convictions of honor and  
good sense. Never yield to force.  
Never yield to the apparently  
overwhelming might of the enemy.**

**Winston S. Churchill**



**4-Minute SOUND Clip from the 2017  
that won Best Picture & Best Actor**

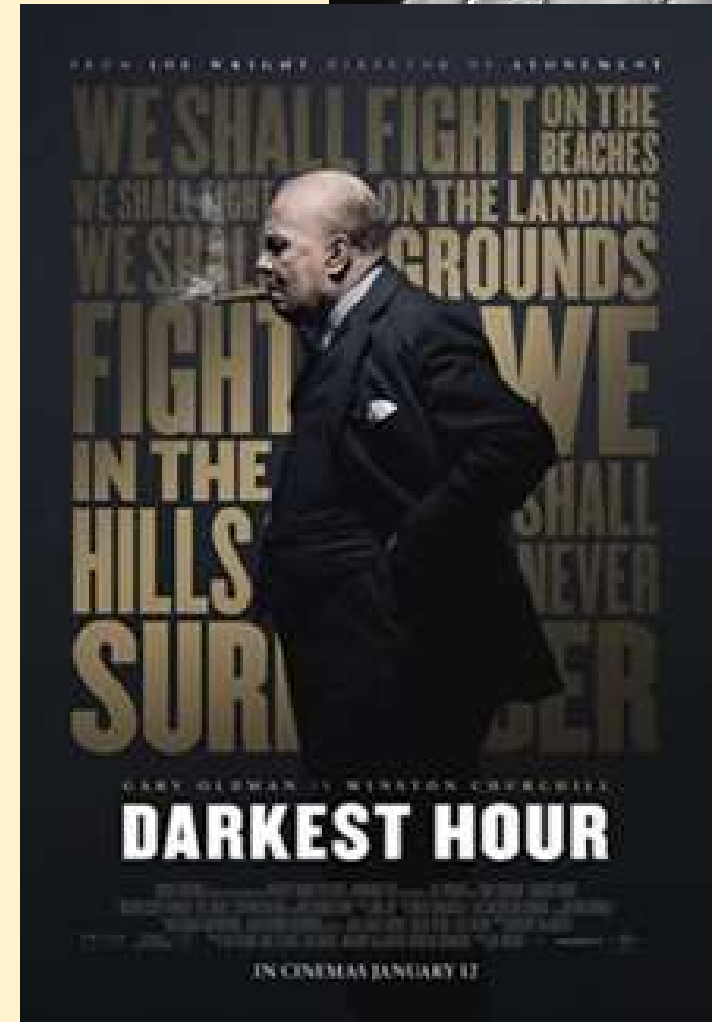
**Relevant to for America, Ukraine, & Free World**

**Also for Christians in today's hostile world**

**DARKEST HOUR**



**Early in WWII ... Churchill was ALONE and  
did NOT want to negotiate with Hitler**



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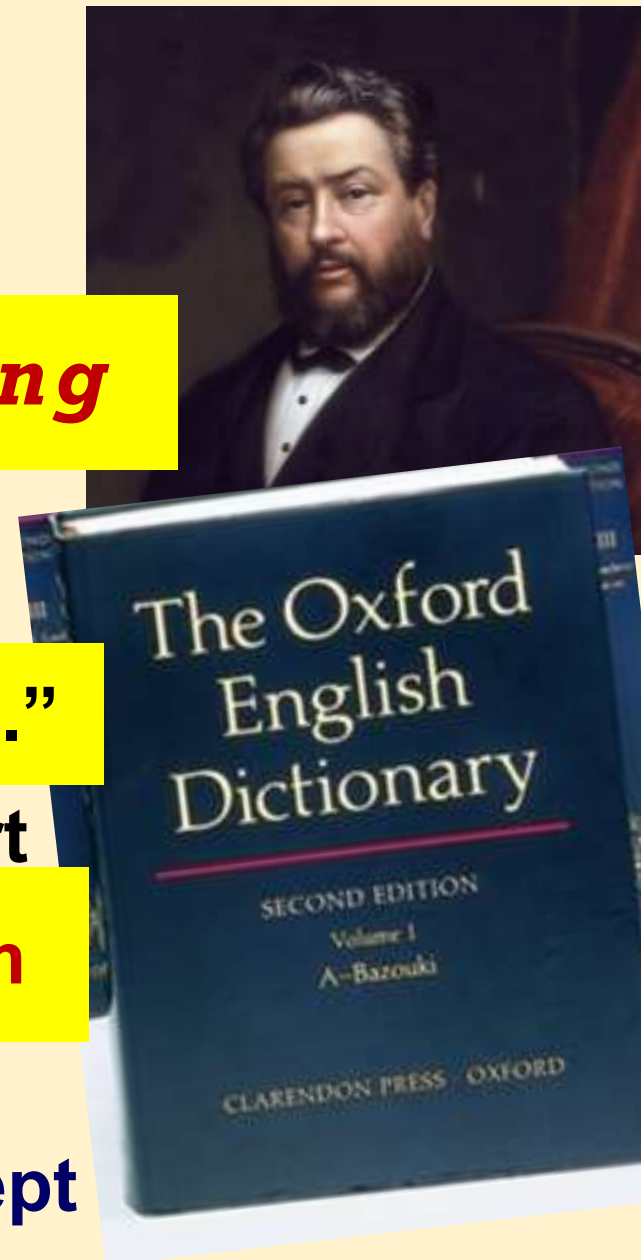
Parliament's resistance morphed into **Standing**  
Someone asked, "What happened?"

On answered, "He marshalled the English language and sent it into battle."

Paul reveals his heart ... the true Pastor's Heart  
Paul **LIVED** to see his people **Standing Firm**

Spurgeon continued ...

How often have I seen fears which have crept into my soul disappointed by my dear people!



Spurgeon continued ...

This is a time of fear, when all Solomon's men that keep watch about his bed had need each one to carry his sword drawn because of fear in the night. Yet, when I have seen God's people **STEADFAST** my fears have fled.

Yes ... the Lord keeps the feet of his saints. He is as a wall of fire round about his own. If it were possible, the powers of evil would deceive the very elect

but it is not possible.





Spurgeon continued ...

The saints are steadfast,  
and each steadfast one cheers his minister,  
and helps him to lay aside his anxieties,  
and to rejoice in the certainty that  
the gospel will triumph.

Indeed, truly, certainly ... **Paul LIVED**

<sup>8</sup> For now we really **LIVE**, since  
**YOU are Standing Firm in the Lord.**



Notice Paul's focus ... his joy ... his care ... his heart ...

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for YOU in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of YOU?

<sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Paul's **LIFE** is not his own ...

Paul's **LIFE** was in OTHER Christians' **FAITH**

Paul's physical **LIFE** did not seem to matter

Paul's **LIFE** was **BOUND** to the Great Command

**LOVE God with All Your Heart**

**LOVE Others as Yourself**



Almost, *a l m o s t* without words ... Paul's **Pastor Prayer**

**11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.**

**12 May the Lord make your *LOVE* increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.**

**13 May he—*God*—strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father**

**when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.**





**Never give in** ... we battle today ... not just for our country

Not just for our Culture ... Not just for our history



We are in a battle today for **S O U L S** ...

- ✓ In the midst of a Science that makes foolish God
- ✓ In the midst of a Culture that hates Christ
- ✓ In the midst of a Society that hates Family

**Never give in:** we fight for the survival of **Christianity**

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**Love One Another**