



SERMON

Standing Firm in a Shaking World

2 Thessalonians 2:13–17 · 2 Timothy 3:14–17

INTRODUCTION

When the Ground Moves

THE LANDSCAPE

The Context. The world feels increasingly unstable — shifting under our feet morally, socially, and spiritually.

The Trap. The temptation is to panic, to compromise, or to chase every new cultural trend and every fear-driven prediction.

THE THESIS

Biblical preparation for the Last Days is
not about predicting the shaking.

**It is about anchoring ourselves to
what cannot be shaken.**

MAIN TEXT

2 Thessalonians 2:13–17

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

2 Thessalonians 2:13–17

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

POINT ONE

Anchor Your Mind in Eternal Truth

Guard Against Deception

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THE PERIL

2 Timothy 3:1–5

- 1** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3** Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- 4** Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

THE PERIL (CONT.)

2 Timothy 3:1–5

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:
from such turn away.

THE ANCHOR

2 Timothy 3:14–17

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

THE PRINCIPLE

Deception succeeds by looking similar to the truth.

To stand firm, we must hold an objective standard of reality — **the unchanging Word of God.**

APPLICATION

Anchor the Mind

- Commit to rigorous, daily immersion in the Scriptures.
- Refuse to judge truth by modern consensus or shifting emotions. If an idea contradicts eternal biblical truth, it must be rejected.

POINT TWO

Hold Fast to the Historic Faith

Resist Cultural Drift



THE CHARGE

2 Thessalonians 2:15

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

THE PRINCIPLE

Christianity is an inherited, historic faith. Novelty is the enemy of stability.

The church survives storms not by reinventing itself, but by digging its roots deeper into the **ancient foundation laid by Christ and the apostles.**

APPLICATION

Hold the Line

- Defend orthodox Christian doctrine without apology.
- Intentionally pass down the classical doctrines — the faith, holiness, and the sovereignty of God — to the next generation, refusing to dilute them for cultural acceptance.

POINT THREE

Establish Your Heart in Good Works

Maintain Active Faithfulness



THE PROMISE

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

THE PRINCIPLE

Standing firm is not a defensive crouch; it is an active stance.

True readiness produces a quiet confidence that expresses itself in **steady duty and service** — regardless of the surrounding chaos.

APPLICATION

Keep Working

- Do not let local or global chaos paralyze your ministry.
- Keep preaching the Gospel, serving the needy, building strong families, and leading within your community.

The darker the night, the clearer the
light of quiet, steady faithfulness
shines.

CONCLUSION

A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

The Final Charge

THE UNSHAKEABLE KINGDOM

Hebrews 12:26–29

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

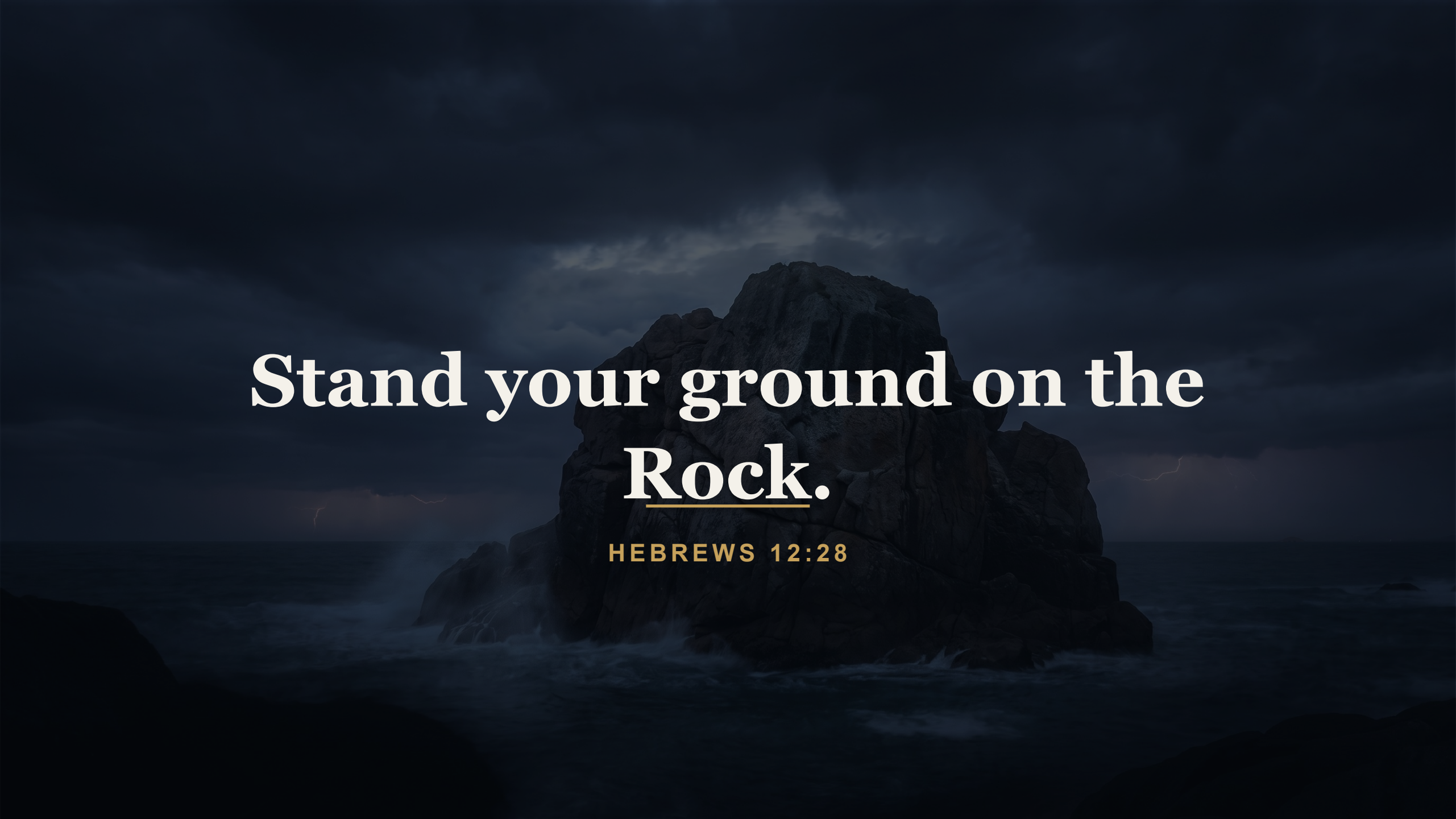
28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

29 For our God is a consuming fire.

THE FINAL CHARGE

The world will continue to shake. But we belong
to a **Kingdom that cannot be shaken.**

Our preparation is simply to stand our ground
on the Rock.



Stand your ground on the
Rock.

HEBREWS 12:28