

When You're At a Standstill – STAND STILL!

I received this word from the LORD just recently. It may be a word that we have all heard in the past through sermons, but I feel it is extremely significant and also important to grasp in this hour.

In my own life there have been plenty of standstills. According to Webster's, a standstill is a *complete cessation of movement*. It means *stop; halt*.

I believe that many, many of us are at standstills. These are a variety of standstills. You may be at a standstill in an important decision you need to make, in your job, in your finances, in general life direction, in an important relationship, in a critical decision, etc. **The LORD says, "STAND STILL."**



I felt the LORD say, "When you're at a standstill, STAND STILL because I am doing something different. I'm not going to do what I did before or how I did it before or even how you think it should be done. When you're at a standstill, STAND STILL because change is about to happen. I am doing something different. I am doing a new thing in your life."



I also felt the LORD say that there were two important and specific actions to our standing still: SEE and HEAR. In other words, the reason He is telling us to stand still is so we will "see and hear" Him clearly. He wants us to see and hear what it is that he is doing new or different and how He wants it to be accomplished. He wants us to see and hear differently. However, if we are not standing still – if we get busy, if we get under worry, anxiety or stress, if we get disgruntled, if we get bored or a host of other distractions that happen when we are moving – we will miss seeing and hearing what He wants to do our in lives in this hour. The very reason we are to stand still is to see and hear. These are two very important actions.

There are a few imperative reasons God wants us to see and hear:

1) That we develop trust and faith. When we know we have seen or heard the LORD, it should produce the trust and faith in God to see it through. Trust and faith are huge in this hour, but even though most Believers know this, few live it. For many, many reasons we tend to trust the doctor, the bank, the old (unrenewed) friend(s) who are not going where we are going and have no business giving us advice or counsel, the old familiar roads and paths, the comfortable, the world's answer, the information from the Internet search, and more. We often have more faith in our own ability than we do God's ability.

2) That we do not repeat the mistakes of the past by doing things the way we have always "done it." The mold we have God in must be broken.

3) That we align with the Kingdom of God. God is supernatural. He works in the natural, this is true; but He is supernatural and thus, it is from His supernatural Kingdom that our life is released and should be lived-out. We must learn that God will move supernaturally in our life – even when He asks us to do something natural. We must be attuned to His Kingdom and not our kingdom or the world's kingdom.

There are many Scriptures in relationship to and essential to "standing still." Here are 3 that I felt the LORD gave me:

- **Exodus 14:13-14.** We find Moses and the panic-stricken Israelites being chased by Pharaoh and the Egyptian army with the Red Sea in front of them. “Moses answered the people, Do not be afraid. Stand firm [still] and you will SEE the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴**The LORD will fight for you; you need only to BE STILL.**” (NIV emphasis added)
- **1 Samuel 12:14-16.** Here we find Israel in sin because they demanded a king. God meets their demand by giving them a king He chooses. Nevertheless, He makes certain that they understand the error of their ways. “If you will fear the LORD and serve Him, and **LISTEN** to His voice and not rebel against the command of the LORD, then both you and also the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God. ¹⁵ If you will not listen to the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the command of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you, as it was against your fathers. ¹⁶ Even now, **take your stand [stand still] and SEE this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes. . .**” (NAS emphasis added)
Samuel the prophet goes on to tell the Israelites: “Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the LORD with all your heart. ²¹ You must not turn aside, for then you would go after futile things which cannot profit or deliver, because they are futile. ²² For the LORD will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the LORD has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.” (NAS)

Even if we are in a place because we have made a mistake, **God’s grace is available to us.** We need only to STAND STILL, stop repeating the same mistakes, and hear and see at this moment.

- **2 Chronicles 20:15b-17.** Here we find Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah up against a tremendous army (a multitude). Jehoshaphat responds with fear and panic, but he lets fear and panic draw him to prayer. He stood still that he might hear from God. The LORD speaks through His prophet, Jahaziel, to Jehoshaphat giving him clear military direction. But it wasn’t the direction Jehoshaphat expected: “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s. ¹⁶ Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; **stand firm [still] and SEE the deliverance the LORD will give you,** Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.” (NIV emphasis added)

“ . . .Put your trust in the LORD your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed.” (2 Chronicles 20:20b)

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