



PART 3: LEARNING TO STAND

INTRODUCTION

As we start a brand new year it's exciting, but there's also something that feels unsettling. There's a tension going on inside of us that's emotionally and spiritually exhausting. Every day can feel like a battle to stay faithful to God, because we *are* in a battle. There is a war going on...it's a war on lies. It's not so much that we *tell* lies, but that we *live* them. But God gives us a strategy to recognize and resist the enemy and experience victory every day!

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 4:24

Luke 4:1-3

Genesis 3:1-5

John 8:31-32

2 Corinthians 2:11

1 Peter 5:8-9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Spiritual formation is the process by which we are formed in our spirits to be either more like Jesus or less like Jesus. The question isn't are you becoming somebody, but who are you becoming? As you think about the last season of your life, how would you describe who you are becoming?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-5. The devil got Eve alone, then he lied to her. This is still the devil's strategy. How has the devil tried to isolate you from community?
3. What lies does the devil try to convince you are true, especially when you are isolated from community?
4. Pastor Will taught that when we are isolated we are all easier to fool. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
5. When people take a step away from God they take a step towards sin. The step away from God always starts with a step away from Christian community. How have you seen this truth lived out?
6. Read Luke 4:1-3. Jesus' plan for fighting the devil's strategy of isolate and deceive, was to spend time alone with God in prayer and to turn to Scripture. What's your plan for spending time alone with God in prayer and for turning to Scripture?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Lord Jesus, reveal to me where I have become a captive to the devil's lies. Help me to be set free by replacing them with your truth. I choose to live out the reality of your truth.