

**Pastor's Weekly Devotional – January 29<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
**“Stand Your Ground”**

Back in the pioneer days, a father and son were trying to outrun a fast-moving prairie fire in their wagon. But the fire caught up with them. They were about to be consumed. The father, to the confusion of the son, turned the horse around and went to a spot that had already been burned.

The father then told the son: “Jump out quickly.” They jumped out. The father said to the son: “Now stay here and don't move.” The son became confused at the father's command. He remonstrated: “But, Dad, the fire is coming at us from all directions.” Again, the father ordered, “Stay here and don't budge!” Again the son remonstrated: “Dad, we are surrounded by fire.” Again, the father ordered: “Son, I said stay here.”

Then the father explained: “The spot we're standing on has already been burned. There's nothing left to burn. If we stand here the fire won't get us because it has nothing to burn.”

That father and son standing in the middle of a raging fire is a picture of us. You see, Jesus “burned” for us at the cross. He paid the price for all our sins, misgivings and failures. The fire of hell does not belong to us. We are safe and secure under the shadow of the Cross.

So, stand your ground in God. In God's Word. In God's Presence. “Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord” Moses told Israel when they faced an insurmountable circumstance.

We “live by faith” and “not by sight” the Bible says. “Without faith it is impossible to please God.” So, stand still and “have faith in God.”

Have a blessed week! See you church Sunday!  
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