

# Watch, Pray, Stand

*Luke 21:34-38 (21:36)*

Introduction: Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. The earthquakes had at the time become common and few people paid attention to the smoke rising. Then suddenly the end came for everyone there.

## I. Watch

- A. What does it mean to “keep watch?”
  - GREGOREO: stay awake, be alert  
1 Cor. 16:13, Mt. 26:41, Rom. 13:11
  - AGRUNEO: stay sleepless, use your mind  
Heb. 5:11, Eph. 6:18, Col 4:2, 1 Pet. 5:8
- B. Lot as an example
  - Lived near Sodom and stayed at the gate  
Soul was vexed, 2 Peter 2:8, John 17:14-16  
But forced to make hard decisions
  
  - Lost his family and his peace  
Father of Moab and Amnon, enemies of Israel
- C. We must guard against the danger of worldly influence  
1 John 2:15, Romans 12:2

## II. Pray

- A. Prayer is an honor to the Christian  
1 John 5:14, Eph. 6:18, Proverbs 15:8, James 5:16
- B. Prayer changes us  
Changes our perspective, future, world

## III. Stand

- A. We are commanded to stand firm in the Lord  
Eph 6:13, 1 Cor. 15:58, Phil 2:9-11
- B. Example of Esther
  - Saul commanded to kill Amalekites: disobeyed 1 Sam 15
  - The Amalekites worked revenge, 2 Sam 1, Esther 3:1
  - Esther had to stand up for her faith, Esther 4:14, Chapter 7
- C. How Do We Stand For Jesus
  - Be light in the world
  - Spread the gospel of Christ
  - Trust in Jesus