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Why did the disciples fall away?


- **They didn't keep watch** (were not aware of/alert to circumstances)
 - Overestimated their courage
 - Underestimated the danger
- **They didn't pray** – spent last 3hrs sleeping not asking God to strengthen them for what was coming
- **Their spirits were willing** - they were eager to stand with Jesus; **but their flesh was weak** - they hadn't strengthened their will/resolve to be able to remain faithful in a crisis

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How to stand firm/not fall away-

- **Keep watch** be aware of/alert to your circumstances
- **Personally** – what are your weaknesses/vulnerabilities to sin and temptation
 - **James 1.14** - each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed





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How to stand firm/not fall away

- **Keep watch** be aware of/alert to your situation
- **Circumstances** – know the particular dangers of the times/places where we live
 - **Times** – living in the End and both deception and difficulty will increase
 - **Places** –
 - **All:** affluent; permissive; sexually-charged; etc.
 - **Each:** what is valued in your home? Work? Among your friends?

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How to stand firm/not fall away

- **Pray** – develop and strengthen connection with God over time (abide in Him)
- **Beware sloth** – state of spiritual laziness/lethargy; lack of hunger for God; lack of inner motivation to pursue God and things of God
- **John 7.37** – Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me and drink.