



Stand Firm

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

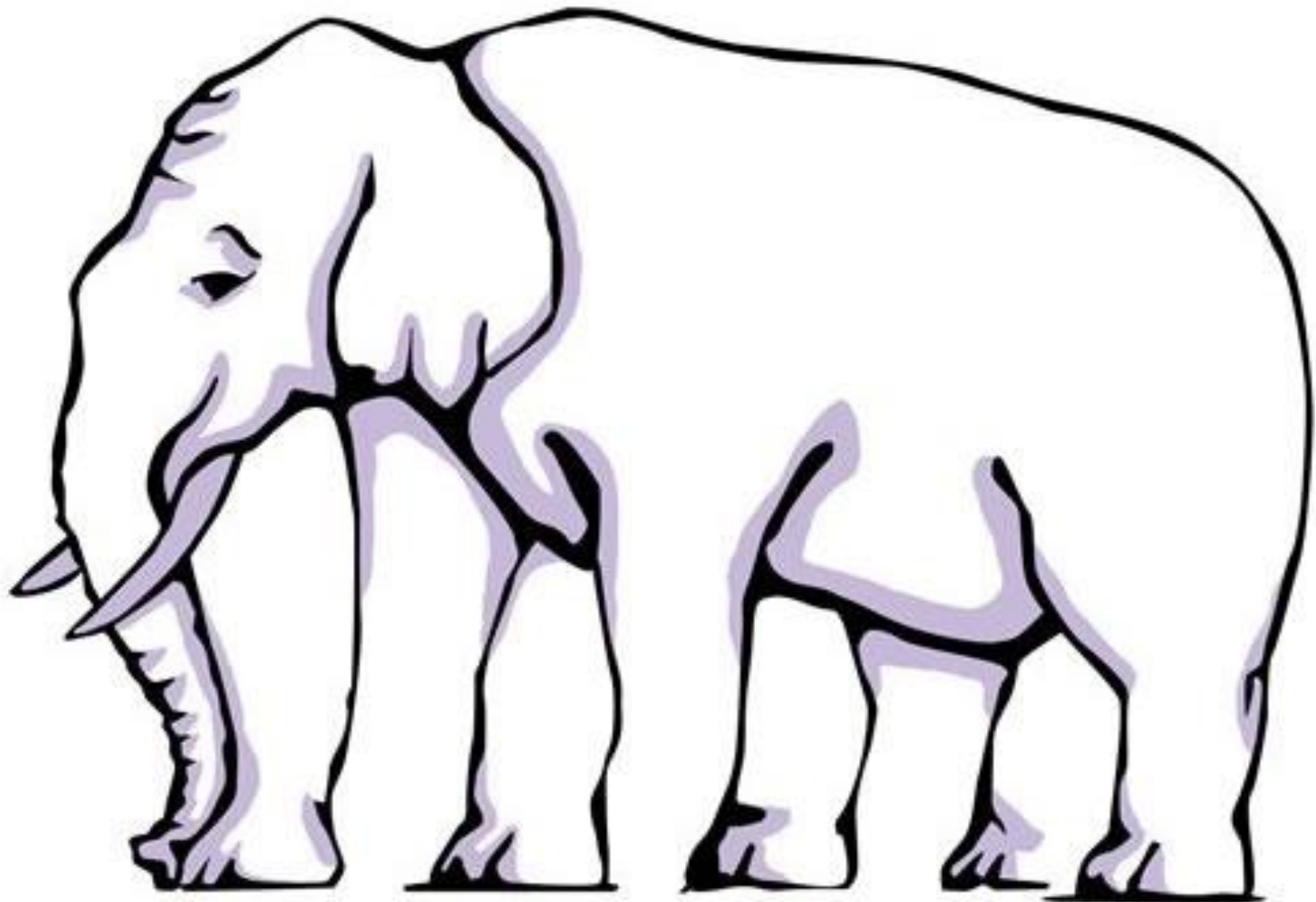
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2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 (ESV)

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly **shaken** in mind or **alarmed**, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (ESV)

³Let no one **deceive** you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

2 Thessalonians 2:5-8 (ESV)

⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know **what is restraining** him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only **he who now restrains** it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 (ESV)

⁹The coming of the lawless one is by the **activity of Satan** with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰and with all **wicked deception** for those who are perishing, because they **refused to love the truth** and so be saved. ¹¹Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹²in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had **pleasure in unrighteousness**.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-15 (ESV)

¹³*But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers **beloved** by the Lord, because God **chose** you as the firstfruits to be saved, through **sanctification** by the Spirit and **belief** in the truth.*

¹⁴*To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

¹⁵*So then, brothers, **stand firm** and **hold** to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.*

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (ESV)

*¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷**comfort** your hearts and **establish** them in every good work and word.*

In Uncertain Times ...

1. Don't be Disturbed

- “... concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly **shaken** in mind or **alarmed**, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.” (v. 1-2)
- Discouraged
- Distressed

In Uncertain Times ...

1. Don't be Disturbed

2. Don't be Deceived

- “Let no one *deceive* you in any way. ...” (v.3)
- Doubt
- Distrust
- Denial

In Uncomfortable Times ...

1. Stand Firm

- “So then, brothers, *stand firm* ...” (v.15)



In Uncomfortable Times ...

1. Stand Firm

- “... *beloved* by the Lord, because God *chose* you as the firstfruits to be saved, through *sanctification* by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ... he *called* you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the *glory* of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (v.13-14)
- God loved you.
- God chose you.
- God set you apart.
- God called you.
- God will give you glory.

In Uncomfortable Times ...

1. Stand Firm

2. Stick to the Truth

- “So then, brothers, stand firm and *hold to the traditions* that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.” (v.15)
- “See to it that no one takes you *captive* by philosophy and *empty deceit*, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and *not according to Christ.*” (Colossians 2:8)
- Discern
- Do

In Upcoming Times ...

1. Be Encouraged

- *“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, **comfort** your hearts ...” (v.16-17)*
- **God’s Love**
- **Eternal Comfort**
- **Good Hope**

In Upcoming Times ...

1. Be Encouraged

2. Be Established

- *“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and **establish** them in every **good work** and **word**.” (v.16-17)*
- **Good Works**
- **Good Words**

Stand Firm

1. Don't be Disturbed or Deceived
2. Stand Firm
3. Be Encouraged and Established