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I'm sure we could all find similar evils and dangers in our world today. Satan and the world attack the Lord's Church with idleness and busybodies and those who exalt themselves and many more dangers. But we are not expected to attack or fight. We are advised to stand firm and remember that the Lord is our might and that He is faithful, reliable, and trustworthy. He has always kept His promises to His people. The love of God and the steadfastness of Christ found in His Word and Sacraments will protect and shield us. This is where we find our strength to stand firm against the evil one. And Paul encourages, "Do not grow weary in doing good." There's plenty of good to be done that will keep us from idleness and encourage our neighbor. Keep praying and remember, *The Lord is faithful.*

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