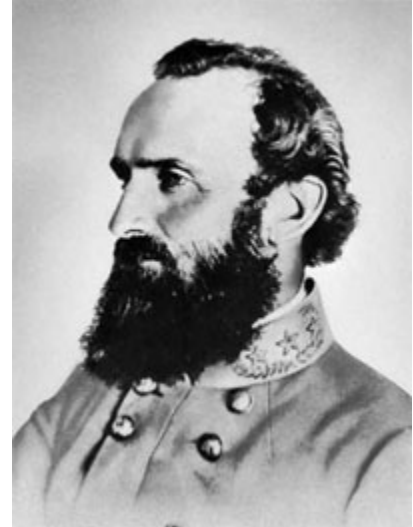


Jackson Stood Firm like a Stone Wall

AT MANASSAS, Virginia, General Thomas Jackson fought a famous battle in which he was wounded and earned his historic nickname "Stonewall."

At one moment it seemed as if all was lost, the troops of the Southern Carolina, commanded by General Bee, had been overwhelmed, and he rode up to Jackson in despair, exclaiming, "They are beating us back!" "Then," said Jackson, "we will give them the bayonet!" This cool reply showed the unconquered mind of one who never knew that he was beaten, and put fresh courage into the heart of him who was almost ready to acknowledge defeat; and, as he rode back to his command, he cried out to them to "look at Jackson!" saying, "There he stands like a stone wall! Rally behind the Virginians!" The cry and the example had its effect, and the broken ranks were reformed, and led to another charge, when their leader fell dead with his face to the foe. But with his last breath he had christened his companion in arms, in the baptism of fire, with the name that he was henceforth to bear, not only in the Southern army, but in history, of STONEWALL JACKSON, while the troops that followed him on that day counted it glory enough to bear on their colors the proud title of the "Stonewall Brigade."



Jackson was a God-fearing leader in the Confederacy and relied on God's armor to protect him in battle. He amazed his men by his calmness, absolute courage, and resolve in battle—so much so that he earned the nickname, "Stonewall." He could stand firm in battle because he first spent time on his knees in prayer.

Ephesians 6:13-14

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;"

PRAYER

"O Lord, help me to be able to stand the fiery darts of the devil. Gird me with your truth and righteousness so I can stand, in this evil day, for you."

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