

Notes:

What Are You Standing For?

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The Stand: Message #1

“Every man gives his life for what he believes. Every woman gives her life for what she believes. Sometimes people believe in little or nothing. Nevertheless, they give up their lives to that little or nothing. One life is all we have, and we live it as we believe in living it, and then it’s gone. But to surrender what you are, and live without belief, that’s more terrible than dying – more terrible than dying young.”
Joan of Arc

Now Jesus stood before the governor [Pilate], and the governor asked Him, Are you the King of the Jews? Jesus said to him, You have stated [the fact].

Matthew 27:11 (AMP)

Knowing What I Stand For Brings...

A. _____ In My Life.

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Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to Him, so He stepped forward to meet them. “Who are you looking for?” He asked. ⁵“Jesus the Nazarene,” they replied. “I AM He,” Jesus said. (Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them.) ⁶As Jesus said “I AM He,” they all drew back and fell to the ground!
John 18:4-6 (NLT)

Inside, the high priest began asking Jesus about His followers and what He had been teaching them. ²⁰Jesus replied, “Everyone knows what I teach. I have preached regularly in the synagogues and the Temple, where the people gather. I have not spoken in secret. ²¹Why are you asking Me this question? Ask those who heard me. They know what I said.” ²²Then one of the Temple guards standing nearby slapped Jesus across the face. “Is that the way to answer the high priest?” he demanded. ²³Jesus replied, “If I said anything wrong, you must prove it. But if I’m speaking the truth, why are you beating Me?”
John 18:19-23 (NLT)

¹⁸Because it was cold, the household servants and the guards had made a charcoal fire. They stood around it, warming themselves, and Peter stood with them, warming himself. ²⁵Meanwhile, as Simon Peter was standing by the fire warming himself, they asked him again, “You’re not one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it, saying, “No, I am not.” John 18:18, 25 (NLT)

B. _____ In My Life.

Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to Him, so He stepped forward to meet them. "Who are you looking for?" He asked. John 18:4 (NLT)

So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" ¹¹Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above....John 19:10-11a (NAS)

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. ¹⁴And do everything with love. I Corinthians 16: 13-14 (NLT)

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. I John 4:17-19 (NIV)

C. _____ In My Life.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4 (NAS)

What did Jesus Stand For?

Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world." ³⁷Pilate said, "So you are a king?" Jesus responded, "You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." John 18:36-37 (NLT)

1. Jesus Stood For _____.

"to testify to the truth"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 14:6 (NAS)

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32 (NAS)

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NAS)

2. Jesus Stood For God's _____.

"I was born and came into the world"

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to His eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:10-12 (NIV)

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose. Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

My _____ will always mirror my _____.

3. Jesus Stood For _____ And _____.

"All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true."

But—"When God our Savior revealed His kindness and love, ⁵He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. ⁶He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷Because of His grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life." Titus 3:4-7 (NLT)

Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ²and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. Hebrews 8:1-2 (NIV)

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy. I Peter 2:9-10 (NLT)