

**Courage in Troubling Times:  
When Standing Up Means Following Jesus  
Selected Scripture**

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Christ's plan to reach the w o r l d is the c h u r c h...

Therefore, the only h o p e for the world is the c h u r c h...

The only hope for the c h u r c h is C h r i s t i a n s living like C h r i s t i a n s...

Which means that we must catch His v i s i o n for the m i s s i o n which means:

- that I am *called* to r e v e a l God to o t h e r s  
(John 1:14; 14:6-10; 2 Cor 2:14-16)
  - *I can stand because I* k n o w t o W h o m I b e l o n g  
(2 Tim 1:9-12)
- that I am *called* to p r o c l a i m His k i n g d o m  
(Matt 4:14-20; Luke 4:14-20)
  - *I can stand because I* s p e a k o f e t e r n a l kingdom v a l u e s (Acts 5:42; Rom 1:14-17)

- that I am *called* to m a k e d i s c i p l e s

(Mark 4:1-5:43; Matt 28:18-20)

- *I can stand because I am* i n v e s t i n g i n s o m e t h i n g that is g r e a t e r than me (John 3:27-30)

- that I am *called* to s u r r e n d e r m y l i f e s o o t h e r s might live (Mark 10:45; John 12:23-26)

- *I can stand because I realize it is* n o t about m e, but about J e s u s! (Rom 8:28-39; 2 Phil 2:1-11)

**Point:**

If we stand and do these things as followers of Christ, it may not change the w o r l d for e v e r y o n e, but it will c h a n g e e t e r n i t y for s o m e!