



Why Fit in When You Can Stand Out for Christ?

7 Truths About Heaven: Truth #3

MAIN THING

We must choose to follow God's will for our lives daily to: Stand in Faith, Stand in Strength, and Stand to Glorify God.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans 12:2, 1 Kings 3:7-12, Joshua 1:5, and Isaiah 43:7

ICEBREAKER

Describe a time when you were the minority opinion or the only dissenting argument while making an important decision at work, home, or in a social setting.

OPENING THOUGHT

Everyone wants to be liked and accepted. It is difficult to make decisions and live your life in a way that is contrary and even looked down upon by the many of the people around you. We, as Christians, must remember that we are "In the world but not of it." This is not our home for eternity it's just a moment in time. His will guides us through life. That means we are to stand out from this world. One of the greatest compliments you can be paid is that you are different as a child of God - We are to be distinctly His..

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when you stood up in faith to defend your beliefs.
2. How did people react to your witness?
3. How did you feel, and what did you learn from standing up for the cause of Christ?

LIFE APPLICATION

What is God's will for my life? Why did God even place me on the Earth? God's will is for everyone to **obey His Word, Give Him Glory, Honor, and Praise.** To discover His will, we should **study His Word, pray,** and seek what His **specific will** is for our lives. **Psalms** says, "Teach me your way Lord and lead me in a straight path."

God commands us in **Romans 12:2** "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will." Take a stand in Faith and Strength to give God the glory and witness that he so greatly deserves.

CHALLENGE

Choose an accountability partner from your group and pray that God gives them an opportunity to Stand Up to glorify Him.. Check with him or her mid-week and again during your next group meeting to discuss how they were able to follow God's will for them to stand out for Him.