

STAND UP Courageous – Part 4

ON TV: “Standing up” for Christ is about using our influence by **standing on who we are in Christ and His character**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “It is better to be **patient** than powerful. It is better to win **control over yourself** than over whole cities.”
Proverbs 16:32

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Blessed are the **meek**, for they will inherit the earth.” Matthew 5:5

ON TV: “For I am **gentle and humble** of heart.” Matthew 11:20

ON TV/OUTLINE: #1: When you are confronted... **LOVE**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Starting a quarrel is like **opening a floodgate**. So, stop the argument before it gets out of control.”
Proverbs 17:14

ON TV/OUTLINE: “A **gentle answer** turns away wrath, but harsh words cause quarrels.” Proverbs 15:1

ON TV: Gentle doesn’t mean quiet. Gentle means **humble**.

ON TV: We **stop** assigning blame and **start accepting responsibility**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “A **gentle word** can get through to the **hard-headed**.” Proverbs 25:15b

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Lord, help me **control my tongue**; help me be careful about what I say.” Psalm 141:3

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ON TV/OUTLINE: #2: When you are insulted... **PRAY**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “If someone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other cheek also.” Matthew 5:39

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Don’t **retaliate** when people say unkind things about you. Instead, **pay them back with a blessing**. That is what God wants you to do, and he will bless you for it.” 1 Peter 3:9

ON TV: “19 **Never take your own revenge**, beloved, but **leave room** for the wrath of God. For it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine. I will repay,’ says the Lord. 20 But if your **enemy is hungry, feed him**. If he’s thirsty give him a drink. For in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Romans 12:19-20

ON TV/OUTLINE: “**Pray for** those who insult you.” Luke 6:28

ON TV: “11 Don’t make quick work of them, God. Bring them down in slow motion. Take them apart piece by piece. 12 Let all of their mean mouth arrogance catch up with them. Finish them off in fine style. Finish them off for good.” Psalm 59:11-12

ON TV/OUTLINE: #3: When you are ignored or overlooked... **ENCOURAGE**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “**Encourage** anyone who feels left out, **help** all who are weak, and **be patient** with everyone.”
1 Thessalonians 5:14

ON TV: How are we going to find the strength and **courage** to do that?

ON TV/OUTLINE: “**Think of ways to encourage one another** to outbursts of love and good deeds.” Hebrews 10:24

ON TV/OUTLINE: #4: When you are rejected... **FORGIVE**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “You must *make allowance* for each other's faults and *forgive* the person who offends you. *Remember*, the Lord forgave you, so *you must forgive others*.” Colossians 3:13

ON TV: Remember

ON TV: “Father, forgive them for don't know what they're doing...” Luke 23:34

ON TV/OUTLINE: “They called him every name in the book, and he said nothing back. He suffered in silence, content *to let God set things right*.” 1 Peter 2:23

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Stop judging others, and you will not be judged. Stop criticizing others, or it will all come back on you. *If you forgive others, you will be forgiven*.” Luke 6:37

ON TV: Who do **YOU** need to forgive?

ON TV/OUTLINE: #4: When you are applauded... **HOPE**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “18 Though a man calls himself happy all through his life - and the world loudly applauds success - ... 19 ...yet in the end he dies like everyone else.” Psalm 49:18-19

ON TV: First, it puts the praise in **perspective**.

ON TV: Second, it keeps the **focus** on God, rather than us.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but *we do it for an eternal prize*.” 1 Corinthians 9:25

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ON TV/OUTLINE: “Be especially careful when you are trying to be good so that you *don't make a performance* out of it. It might be good theater, but the God who made you won't be applauding.” Matthew 6:1

ON TV: “...Well done, good and faithful servant...” Matthew 25:23

ON TV/OUTLINE: “All that's left now is the shouting - **God's applause!**” 2 Timothy 4:8

ON TV: How are we going to **download** all of this into our life?

ON TV: “22 When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 **gentleness** and self-control...” Galatians 5:22-23

ON TV: First: focus on **progress** and not perfection.

ON TV: “We all stumble in many ways. If anybody doesn't stumble in what he says, he's perfect...” James 3:2

ON TV: Second, focus on the **practical** and not the theoretical.

ON TV: Who is in control of **YOU**?