

Still Standing - Family Matters

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I. Great Job - Way to Go!

1 Corinthians 15:1, 2–8 (NIV) **1** Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have **taken your stand**.

 The Gospel of Jesus is worthy of our _____

2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared** to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

II. God Knows

A. David's Heart - Our Heart

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV) **7** But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. **People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**”

 We are more than we _____

Personality

Birth Order

Recharge

Love Language

B. This is Our Time

Acts 17:26–28 (NIV) **26** From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. **27** God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. **28** ‘For in him we live and move and

have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

 We are part of God's _____ on the earth

III. Difficult Conversations

A Dispositional Issue

A Battle Plan Issue

Ephesians 6:10–20 (NASB) **10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. **11** Put on the full armor of God, **so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.** **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. **14** Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. **17** And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be alert with all perseverance and *every* request for all the saints, **19** and *pray* in my behalf, that speech may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

 Whose standard will I use?

 What does discipleship look like?

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This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

Sat Rest **Sun** 2 Kings 24-25; Ps 74, 79, 137; Prov 18 **Mon** Mark 1

Tue Mark 2-3 **Wed** Mark 4 **Thur** Mark 5 **Fri** Mark 6 **Sat** Rest

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