



Courage to Stand Alone

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"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." 2 Corinthians 5:10

"I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak." Matthew 12:36

"In the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells." Revelation 2:13

Courage to stand alone is essential for every kingdom leader.

Courage to stand alone does not make you a **loner**, it makes you a **leader**.

Every defining moment in your life is a stand-alone moment.

When you were born.

When you were born again.

When you were baptized in water.

When you were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

When you were called into ministry.

When you die-to-self.

When you take up your cross.

When you die.

When you stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Antipas was the only one in the church of Pergamum to receive commendation from Jesus. *"In the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells." Revelation 2:13*

"Anti-pas" – "anti" meaning "against"; "pas" meaning "all".

John the Baptist would have been seen as a loner, but God was preparing him to stand alone. He grew up in the wilderness and his clothing and diet were peculiar.

"Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey." Mark 1:6

He was mocked for not fitting in.

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn." Matthew 11:17

You will never fulfill your calling until you learn to stand alone, because your calling is one hundred percent unique to you.

Courage is the grace to fulfill your calling no matter what the cost.

Courage to Stand Alone Requires Three Things

1. The baptism or infilling of the Holy Spirit.

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18.

2. Freedom from the fear of man.

3. Confidence in the call of God on your life.

ACTIVATION

Stand alone because it's the only way to fulfill your calling.

Stand alone for Christ because Christ stood alone for you.

You stand alone when you receive salvation.

You stand alone when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

You stand alone when you die-to-self.

You stand alone when you deny yourself.

You stand alone when you take up your cross.

You stand alone when you follow Christ.

You stand alone when you love your spouse.

You stand alone when you do dishes, take out the garbage, change dirty diapers, pay bills, balance checkbooks, and all the other domestic duties.

You stand alone when you go to work for 8-15 hours a day.

You stand alone when you pray.

You stand alone when you forgive someone and when you ask someone to forgive you. You stand alone when you share the good news of salvation through Christ alone with an unbeliever. You stand alone when you pay your full tithe.

You stand alone when you hear from God.

You stand alone in every step of obedience.

Stand alone because one day you will stand alone before the judgment seat. Stand alone because in reality, you do stand alone.

Stand alone because standing alone is the mark of maturity.

Be courageous because courage is the single virtue that equips you to stand alone.

Be courageous because the courage to stand alone is essential for you to fulfill your calling.

