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#33 of 33— July 1, 2018**

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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Standing on Guard

With Aaron Richert  
July 1, 2018



*Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.  
And do everything with love. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)*

#### Followers of Jesus are always in danger.

*"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8)*

*"Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:11-12)*

**The Question:** How do we live in the midst of danger so that the gospel will move forward and we become more fully formed in Christ?

**Big Idea:** Since danger abounds, live on High Alert moving forward with Love.

#### Living on High Alert:

##### **Be on guard**

*"Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!" (Matthew 26:41)*

##### **Stand firm**

*"But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News." (Colossians 1:23)*

##### **Be brave**

*"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)*

##### **Be strong**

*"Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." (Ephesians 6:10)*

##### **Move forward with love**

*"Do everything with love." (1 Cor. 16:14)*

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).*