

STANDING UP TO FEAR

MATTHEW 10:26-42

I. Standing up for Christ elicits a fear of _____ .

*"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." v. 28*

Jesus confronted the fear of harm by illustrating the _____ of God.

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground
apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.
Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." vv. 29-31*

So fear _____ more than you fear man.

*The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.
Proverbs 29:25*

II. Standing up for Christ elicits a fear of _____ .

*"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come
to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.
And a person's enemies will be those of his own household." vv. 34-36*

Jesus dispelled the fear of alienation by creating a _____
of cross carriers.

*"And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." vv. 38-39*

So _____ deep relational connections based on Christ's blood.

*But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession,
and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.
For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and
among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death,
to the other a fragrance from life to life. 2 Corinthians 2:14-16a*

III. Standing up for Christ elicits a fear of _____ .

*"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who
receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a
righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward." vv. 40-41*

Jesus addressed the fear of insignificance by assuring His disciples
of their _____ reward.

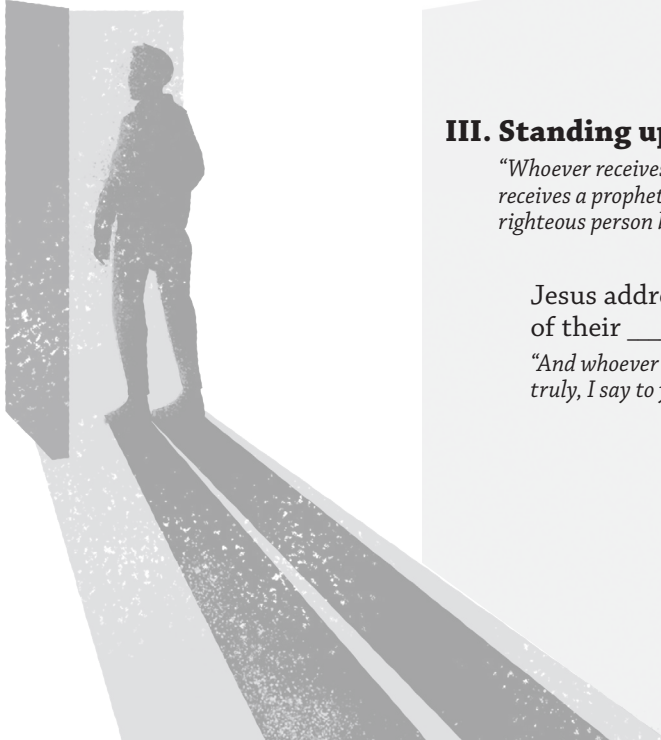
*"And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple,
truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." v. 42*

So stand up, knowing God never _____ the smallest deed.

*For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you
have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. Hebrews 6:10*

*"I have learned that if you fear God, you have no one else to fear."
Oliver Cromwell*

STANDING UP
GOD'S HEART OF CONVICTION



1. How has Jesus created division within your family, and how do you feel about it?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

MEMORIAL DAY This weekend let us remember and honor those who courageously gave their lives while protecting ours. Thank you to every man and woman who serves in the military, and to their family and friends who lovingly support them every day.

WOMEN IN THE WORD: HEART OF THE HOME Some might say the kitchen, the family room or the back porch is the heart of the home. But *who* is the heart of the home? This summer we'll enter five homes Jesus visits and watch what happens when He bring life into each home through forgiveness, healing, salvation, joy and love. Join Women in the Word this summer and be inspired to welcome Jesus as the heart of your home. Join us Wednesdays and Thursdays starting June 2 at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room. Register at ccbcfamily.org/events.

OPERATION ZIP CODE We are privileged to partner with Freedom Shield, a foundation that strives to end hunger insecurity within our metroplex. On Saturday, June 4 they will host an event at Jacquet Middle School in East Fort Worth to distribute lunches, and we would love for all campuses to join in! You can learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/events.

VOLUNTEER WITH KIDS MINISTRY Are you looking for a place to invest this summer? Then volunteer with Kids Ministry! Our Kids Ministry is an incredible place to grow in your own faith and pour into the lives of the next generation. You will see firsthand the gospel take shape and root in the hearts of every child that walks through our doors. You won't want to miss what God is going to do this summer. To learn more, email childrens@christchapelbc.org.

JOIN SMALL CARE GROUPS THIS SUMMER Soul Care is a ministry of incredible pastors and lay counselors who design a variety of classes that meet you where you are and encourage your walk with Christ. Whether you want to learn more about being victorious over anger or walking through grief biblically, these groups will be a tool and a source of growth for you. If you'd like to learn more about the wide variety of classes, visit ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

BAND OF BROTHERS: LIFE AND GODLINESS Band of Brothers is a time for men of all ages to come together and lean into God's Word. This summer, join us as we take a step into 2 Peter. Decisions are at every turn, but so are the lies that distract us from our purpose. Find out how a man of God stays faithful in the face of falsehood. Join us on Thursdays at either 6:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Learn more and register today at ccbcfamily.org/events.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.



FOR THIS WEEK
SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:
 MATTHEW 10:32
"So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven ..."
JOURNAL:
 Matthew 10:26-42

2. Read Matthew 10:26-42. Because Jesus refused to disguise or minimize the cost of discipleship, many would-be disciples left Him. What radical requirements did Jesus make of those who would follow Him?

"Loyal disciples willingly accept rejection, even from their own families. When we openly acknowledge our identity as Christ followers through words and actions, we shouldn't be surprised when social conflict ensues. When Christ returns and sets everything right, peace will reign across the globe. All nations will acknowledge the kingship of Jesus. But until then, our expressed commitment to Christ will not result in increasing peace and harmony. Instead, it will bring division, disharmony, misunderstanding, and the harshest kinds of rejection and persecution. ... Christians shouldn't deliberately seek conflict with family members. In fact, Paul says, 'If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men' (Rom. 12:18). But even those words suggest that it won't always be possible. We must willingly accept conflict with friends and family if it occurs."
 CHARLES SWINDOLL

3. What promises did Jesus make to those who fully obeyed Him?

4. How has God watched over you in the past, and even recently, as you stepped out for Jesus?

5. What are some concrete ways you can be more bold in standing up for Christ this week? Why is your reliance on the Holy Spirit so important?

JOURNAL Matthew 10:26-42

As Jesus' followers study, meditate and pray over God's Word in solitude and in the company of fellow believers, God opens up His truth to their hearts and minds. But what is learned in those places of figurative darkness, hidden from the world, the child of God is then to speak in the light of open proclamation.

In what ways does God call you to speak openly about His gospel?

How can you prepare more purposefully in solitude, and with other believers, to meet the challenges of those opportunities He gives you to speak openly?