



## 021.Does My Posture Really Matter to God? ESTHER: *Standing to see the victory*

### Challenge from the podcast:

When we STAND,  
others are affected.  
Consider who will STAND  
because of you.

### Read Esther 3:3-4

circle the word STAND each time it appears in verses below

*Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's command?" And when they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew. ESV*



**Mordecai spoke words of conviction which his co-workers had a hard time understanding.**

**They thought he was just being disobedient, so they told on him, testing his words with Haman.**

**Have you had such a moment? A time when your words of conviction needed to stand?**

**Describe a time when you have had to... or may need to speak words of conviction. How difficult is this?**

### Read Esther 5:1-2

*On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace. And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight... ESV*



**In order for Esther to make her plea to the king, she had to stand in his court, hoping to be received.**

**She had no idea how he might receive the news that she was Jewish and wanted to save her people.**

**Have you had fear that someone wouldn't accept who you really were? Wouldn't receive your request?**

**Describe a time when you have had to... or may need to stand and hope for favor. How difficult is this?**

### For further study... Read Esther 8



*The king thereby allowed the Jews who were in every city to assemble and to stand up for themselves... to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate any army of whatever people or province that should become their adversaries, including their women and children, and to confiscate their property. NET*

**Look at the effect of Mordecai and Esther standing. Who else was able to stand because of their faith?**



**You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf... Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you.**

2 Chronicles 20:17 ESV

In this week's 7-day devotional guide, be encouraged to **STAND** as did these warriors of the Bible. Speak God's word over your life, and see God's favor and victory!

### Sunday

### **PAUL**

*Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, show courage, be strong. Everything you do should be done in love.*

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

As you think about the week ahead, ask God to help you **STAND** firm in that circumstance which causes you concern. Thank Him, in advance for His strength.

### Monday

### **JOSHUA**

*The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. None shall stand before you."*

Joshua 10:8

Ask God to go before you today, as did Joshua, to protect you from those who have cost you your peace. God will not allow them to stand against you.

### Tuesday

### **SAMUEL**

*Now therefore stand still and see this great thing that the Lord will do before your eyes.*

1 Samuel 12:16

Let Samuel encourage you today, as he did the Israelites, to stand still and watch what the Lord will do when you trust Him completely to provide today.

### Wednesday

### **JAEL**

*And he said to her, "Stand at the opening of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, 'Is anyone here?' say, 'No.'"*

Judges 4:20

When trouble steps into your life, be as brave as Jael (Ep 015). Stand and at your door, knowing that you already have in your hand what you need to defeat it.

### Thursday

### **HANNAH**

*And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, I am the woman who was standing in your presence, praying to the Lord."*

1 Samuel 1:26

Be as bold as Hannah (Ep 017) today by standing before the Lord in prayer, giving Him the deepest desire of your heart. Launch the lance, and let go... trusting Him.

### Friday

### **DAVID**

*For does not my house stand so with God? For He has ordered in all things and secure.*

2 Samuel 23:5

Lead your household to stand with God by setting the example. Trust God to order all things in your family and give you security.

### Saturday

### **JESUS**

*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, He said "Woman, behold, your son!"*

John 19:26

Pray that God will show you a time to stand nearby Jesus, as did His mother and the disciple John. This, like Mordecai is standing for up for your faith.

Jesus died so we can **STAND!**

**Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now **STAND**, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.**

Romans 5:2