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Lesson 3

Standing Tall

Matthew 5:14-16 ~ “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lamp stand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

If we are to be a lighthouse, we must take a stand. This means to take a stand for what is right and take a stand for God. God wanted Moses to deliver his people out of Egypt and it was going to take some courageous boldness.

I. Who, Me?

A. The people won't BELIEVE me or LISTEN (Exodus 4:1)

*in verses 2-9, God confronts the question

1. God sees the **BIG** picture
2. God has been **PREPARING** their heart
3. God has **ALREADY** given you the tools you need

B. I don't know what to SAY and I'm not good at speaking (Exodus 4:10)

*in verses 11-12, God confronts the question

1. God, who convicted you to speak, will give you the **WORDS**
2. God will bring to your memory what you've **LEARNED**
3. God **CHOSE** you for a reason...they need to hear from you

C. **SOMEONE ELSE** can do it (Exodus 4:12)

*in verses 14-17, God confronts the question...but with anger

Question: Why does God respond with “anger” this time?
-at this point, he was just making excuses

II. Reward or Consequences?

Question: Did Moses finally obey God? What was the result?

-yes; people were delivered from slavery and led to Promised Land

Question: What would have been the result if Moses would have been disobedient?

-people left in slavery

-someone else being chosen for the job and being blessed

Small group discussion

Talk About It:

1. When we talk about standing up for our faith, what are we talking about (specifics)?
-sharing the Gospel; inviting to church; bringing Christ into our discussions;
not being embarrassed about your convictions
2. When given the opportunity to tell someone about Christ, what do we usually do?
3. After hearing sermon after sermon and going to conference after conference about standing up for Christ, why do we still make excuses?

Discuss: What are God's responses to each of the excuses and how do they apply to us today?

Here are some other verses on this topic to read and discuss:

1. Romans 1:16
2. I Corinthians 1:27-29
3. II Corinthians 4:6
4. James 1:22-24
5. I Peter 3:15-17

Take It Home:

1. What excuses am I still making for not sharing my faith? What changes will I make?
2. List several people that you will "stand up" for Christ to this week.

****Next week we will look at some easy tips on how to share your faith****