

# Standing Alone

Often when we except Christ as our Lord and Savior, it is not a popular decision. Our decision can be met with comments like “now you are all holy”, or “I guess our friendship or relationship is over”. Truthfully, this decision is met with many challenges relationally and socially as well as many other areas. So where is God when everyone appears to be abandoning us because of stand for Him?

God begins our spiritual journey by giving us spiritual eye salve or the ability to discern between right and wrong, truth and error according to His standards.

“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.” Revelation 3:18

“Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.” Malachi 3:18

Because we now have God’s spirit dwelling with us we see life through His eyes instead of our own. We long to be the person He created us to be. Everyone does not have this desire.

“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man<sup>e</sup> is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind<sup>f</sup> is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.” Romans 8:5-9

Standing alone is in my opinion one of the most difficult things to do as a teenager and young adult. It requires real guts and determination. So here are some suggestions as you go through periods of loneliness.

1. *This is just for a season. If you just keep you faith and integrity God has something better in store for you.*
  - a. Eccl. 3:1 To every [thing there is] a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.
2. *God will return to you whatever you have lost.*
  - a. Matthew 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.
3. *God is preparing you for something big.* You may not be able to see it right now but continue to trust in Him and He will make it happen. Remember Joseph (Genesis).
  - a. Proverbs 3:5,6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
4. *Join a campus ministry or get involved in some community service projects* offered by your school or church. The less you mind is on your situation, the more you will see God’s leading in you life.

God cares for you and He wants what is best for you. You may not understand why or what is happening. It may get hard, and it may be lonely, but God will be there to comfort you.

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