

CONVICTION

STANDING FOR WHAT
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ACTS 5:29-32

DAY 1

Do you know what it means to witness something? A witness is someone who personally sees something happen. Wouldn't it have been the coolest thing to witness what Jesus did when He was on earth? Imagine being in the crowd when Jesus healed the man who was lowered through the roof. Or imagine if you had been one of the thousands of people Jesus fed with just 2 small fish and five loaves of bread. If you witnessed Jesus' life on earth, it would probably be pretty easy to believe in Him.

Peter was an eyewitness to Jesus' ministry. He walked and talked with Jesus. He saw him heal the sick, raise the dead, and feed thousands of people. He even watched as Jesus was killed and buried in a tomb covered by a huge stone. But Peter also witnessed when Jesus came back to life. And because of what he had seen, he believed and followed God.

What is the coolest or most memorable thing you've ever witnessed? Tell someone about this event and why it was so memorable.

THANK God for allowing us to read these amazing eye witness accounts of Jesus' life on earth in our Bibles so that we can follow Him too.

JOHN 11:25

DAY 2

Do you know what gives you the strength to stand up for what is right? It's not your desire to make things always go better for yourself. (Even though they might when you have conviction.) It's not even your motivation to do the right thing. (Even though that's a good way to honor God.)

You can stand up for what is right because Jesus is alive. Jesus came to the earth, lived a perfect life, died on a cross and rose again so that you and I could have a relationship with God forever. His death meant that our wrong choices no longer have to separate us from Him. When you choose to trust Christ as your Savior, He lives IN you, ready to help you stand up for what is right.

Take some time to read this verse and talk about what it means with a grown up you trust. Ask yourself the same question Jesus asked that day, "Do you believe this?" Why or why not?

ASK God to help you understand what it means to believe that Jesus came back to life.



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EPHESIANS 6:10

DAY 3

God gives us the strength to stand with conviction. He promises to make you strong. But it isn't a Hulk-smash kind of strength. When the Lord makes you strong, he strengthens you on the inside. You see, He forms and shapes your character so that you can stand up for what is right, no matter what. You can depend on Him to give you everything you need to live a life with conviction. So the question is, will you depend on His mighty power or simply rely on your own strength?

Read today's verse again and take a moment to picture what it means in your head. Find some paper and crayons or markers, set a timer for 5 minutes and illustrate this verse in any way you choose. You can draw an entire scene or choose to illustrate each individual word. When you're finished, write the words of the verse along the bottom of your illustration.

LOOK for ways this week to depend on God's mighty power to help you stand with conviction.

ROMANS 5:21

DAY 4

Do you think it's possible to stand with conviction ALL the time? Do you think you can do the right thing in every single situation? No way. No one can always make the right choice. In fact, you may have faced a situation just today where you knew what you should do, but you chose not to do it. But guess what? That's why Jesus came. See, when you make the wrong choice, it causes separation between you and God. But Jesus' death and resurrection brings LIFE. His sacrifice for us means that our sins—all the things we do that are wrong—are covered by his grace. Once you've trusted Christ as your Savior, you are his forever. Not because of anything you have done, but because of what HE has done. Isn't that amazing?

Write out a simple prayer to God today. Thank Him for what Jesus did for you. Ask Him to help you stand up for what is right and tell him you're sorry for the times when you've chosen not to. Finish by telling Him you love and trust Him.

KNOW that God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to pay the ultimate price so that you will never be separated from Him.

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