



# The Grace to Stand Alone

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[This is the second of three Kingdom Leadership Podcasts designed to equip you to conquer the fear of man and to walk in your unique calling as a Kingdom leader.]

*"Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.'" John 4:34*

*"He said to them, 'You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.'" John 8:23*

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.'" John 18:36*

Jesus is the consummate example of one who enjoyed the grace to stand alone, and yet His goal was never to stand alone; His goal was always to honor the Father. Consequently He was able to both remain true to His own identity and at the same time to be radically obedient to His Father.

- Jesus frequently stood alone when He obeyed the Father, even when it displeased people.  
*"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'" Matthew 11:16-17*
- Jesus lived with the constant awareness of His identity and calling—of being in the world but not of the world. Jesus is quoted as referring to Him "who sent me" 28 times and in all four Gospels.  
*"They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them." John 4:5*  
*"I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." John 17:14*  
*"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me." Matthew 10:40*
- Jesus not only lived in constant awareness of His identity, His calling, and His love relationship with the Father, He expects us to do the same.  
*"If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours." John 15:19-20*

While we are not Christ, we are *in* Christ. Our identity is *in* Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit constantly makes us aware of our identity, our calling, and our covenant love relationship with the Father.

### **Action Steps—Receive the Grace To Stand Alone**

The key to standing alone *IN* this world is to break free from being *OF* the world.

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#### **1. Declare your union with Christ—your death, burial, resurrection and being seated with Christ.**

*"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience."*  
Ephesians 2:1-2

*"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* Galatians 2:20

*"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."* Romans 6:3

*"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."* Colossians 3:1

**PRAY:** *Loving Father, I declare that I am a new person in Christ. While I was once dead in sin, I am now alive in Christ. My full identity is in Christ. I was crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, raised with Christ, and I am now seated with Christ in heavenly places. Today I sign my old-self death certificate and in Christ I sign my new-birth certificate. From now on, for me to live is Christ.*

#### **2. Renounce and break off your love for this world.**

*"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."* 1 John 2:15

*"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" Matthew 16:24*

*"And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death."* Revelation 12:11

**PRAY:** *Right now I renounce my love for this world—I renounce my love of popularity, notoriety, and people pleasing; I renounce my lust for money, sex and power; and I renounce my love even for my own life. Like cutting an umbilical cord, I break off my past reliance on what this world can give me and I link myself permanently to what heaven gives me in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### **3. Ratify your love covenant with Christ and your resolve to live your calling for the applause of One.**

*"By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world."* 1 John 4:17

*"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"* 1 John 5:4-5

*"We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."* 1 John 5:19

*"And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."*  
Revelation 12:9

**PRAY:** *I declare over my life the name of the Lord, my God—Father, Son, Holy Spirit. My Father God is my Provider, Protector, and the Lover of my soul. The Lord Jesus Christ is my Redeemer, Deliver, and Shepherd. The Holy Spirit is my Sanctifier, Empowerer and Spirit of Truth. From this day forward I will live to please the Lord. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

*"I have overcome the world." John 16:33*

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