

STAND FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN

These are some praying times that warrant a posture of perseverance and action. Jesus told his disciples... "the one who perseveres to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13). Yes, that is a crucial message for us today and Jesus speaks it to us for such a moment like this... "the one who perseveres to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

At times when the strain of life is heaviest within our families, "holding on power" is needed. Perseverance is the glue squeezed out from the soul and spoken in prayer at the midnight hour. Perseverance is the spiritual machine needed to break down the mountain and push through from weakness to strength. Lord, let me hold on just a little bit longer.

When faced with the challenges of this hour, no need to multiply your words...do something, for action is always stronger than words. St. Paul tells Timothy, "Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believe (2 Timothy 3:14). We already know that in this life of twists and turns, many "life tests" bear down on us before "life lessons" are learned. When the "life test" visits your address: Stand Up For What You Believe In if You want to be Saved ... and "be consistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient" (2 Timothy 3: 42) .

Our faith tells us that We do not know how to Be until We stand up for what We Believe In.

For the sake of Your growth in grace: Stand Up For What You Believe In. Our God is always available, always there to hold you up, hold your hand and hold your heart. Stand Up, and help somebody else to Stand Up. Remember this spiritual wisdom from Rev. James E. Goode, OFM, The God we serve is faithful and will not let you tired beyond your strength.

To God be the Glory!

Let's Stand Up And Believe ...

- * That God is first in my life.
- * That every person is a child of God and needs respect.
- * That Black Lives Matter.
- * That God keeps watch over His People.
- * That the Cross is victory over life after death and that Christ won this for us.
- * That the Holy Eucharist is sacred as Jesus shares himself to save us, sustain us and secure a place for us at His family table.
- * That the work of justice and peace is a "saving grace ministry" that gives strength and stability to OUR Families. (We must care for each other and the most vulnerable in society. We must care for this common home we call Earth. We must care for those who are hurt through violence including domestic violence. We must work toward ending the violence now.)
- * That I fear No evil- Instead I STAND UP in the name of JESUS.

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