



How we stand is just as important as **what** we stand for.

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

- We can't be **effective** in our stand for God when we love this world.

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 1 John 2:15

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living in my palace in comfort and prosperity. Daniel 4:4 (NLT)

But one night I had a dream that frightened me; I saw visions that terrified me as I lay in my bed. Daniel 4:5

- If we allow pride, God will allow us to go through difficult and heart-breaking circumstances until we learn **humility**.

- **Relationship** needs to be the context of confrontation.

Rules without relationship leads to **rebellion**.
Truth without relationship leads to **rejection**.

Josh McDowell

Have I invested in a **relationship** with the person I'm confronting?

- **Restoration** should be the goal of confrontation.

Am I confronting to be **right** or for **restoration**?

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At first Daniel, who had been renamed Belteshazzar in Babylon, was upset. The thoughts that came swarming into his mind terrified him...."Daniel replied: "I wish that the events foreshadowed in this dream would happen to your enemies, my lord, and not to you!" Daniel 4:19 (MSG)

- **Humility** is the posture of effective confrontation.

Whenever you confront sin in someone the **root** is always **pride**.

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Am I confronting with **pride** or with **humility**?

If you are looking forward to confronting, you're probably **not ready**.

Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue. Daniel 4:26-27

- **Hope** has to be given for confrontation to sink in.

Am I confronting to provide **hope** or **humiliation**?

TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- When you read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, What does "how we stand" mean?
- Have you ever had someone confront you about something that went wrong? Why?
- How does loving the world affect your stand for God? Explain.
- When you read the story of king Nebuchadnezzar, how do you see pride in his life?
- Why is pride so deadly in our lives?
- Why is relationship so important in confrontation?
- What does it mean that restoration should be the goal of confrontation?
- Why is humility so essential in confrontation? What does it mean to have humility in our confrontation?
- How did Daniel offer hope in confronting King Nebuchadnezzar? How do we give hope in confrontation?
- Why is hope so important in confrontation?

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