

# One Stand Up Soldier

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[ 0 : 00 ] Hallelujah. Promise I won't keep you long tonight. Sounds good, don't mean a thing. Praise the Lord. We came in here Thursday night. Started at 7 o'clock. I happened to look up at 8 o'clock and say, time to cool. Praise the Lord. Didn't see much time going by that fast. Everybody nice and cool?

Good. Hallelujah. Set your Bibles light. Let's turn to Matthew chapter 18. Matthew chapter 18, verse 1. If I get to where I'm going tonight, I'm going to be talking about a stand-up soldier.

If I get there. Matthew chapter 18, verse 1.

Get there. Say amen. It says here, at the same time came the disciples unto Jesus saying, who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

[ 1 : 25 ] Everybody's always jockeying for position. Want to be up on somebody. Want to have a better position than somebody.

I got news for you. Position ain't always cracked up. The position comes headed. And responsibility. And if you ain't willing to take the responsibility, then the position ain't no good. And Jesus called a little child unto him and said to him in the midst of them and said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Let's all pray. Lord Jesus, precious Lamb of God, we thank you, Lord Jesus, tonight for this privilege to come into your house, Lord.

Mighty God, to come into your presence, Jesus. Lord God, for this mighty outpouring that we've had tonight, God, we're grateful, Lord. Jesus, we just lift all honor and glory back up to you tonight, Lord. We ask you, Father, that you would open up our mouth, Lord God, that we could speak words of life, Jesus.

[ 2 : 38 ] Father, anoint ears that they might receive, Lord God, what the Spirit would say to the church, Lord. We thank you tonight, Lord, for your love, for your mercy. We give you glory and honor, Jesus. We just praise you, Lord.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, in Jesus' name, in Jesus' name. Sister, what's your name? Betty. Did you preach on TV, Sister Betty? I thought last night I was going to do that.

Preaching last night I was being H-O-L-Y. Power of God. Thank God. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. So whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same as greatest in the kingdom of heaven. A little child does some things that we don't as adults.

A child is believing. A child is trusting. We don't lose our trust in humanity until we've been burned a few times.

[ 3 : 49 ] A child believes what you tell them. Don't believe it. Take a little kid and grab their nose and just tell them that you've got it. They're going to cry. Because they believe that you have pulled their nose off of their face.

You are holding it in your hand. And they can't smell nothing anymore. They believe in what you're telling them. We're to be as little children.

We're to be accepting. And what we're supposed to be accepting of is when the word of God comes forth. When it comes out of the pulpit, no matter who's bringing the word, whether it's the pastor, the assistant pastor, someone in the congregation getting up and adoring on the word of God.

We're to receive what the word of God is being spoken to us. Because we don't have really any earthly ambitions in this house except to see souls saved for the kingdom of God.

And get all those people who will make Christ their Savior to do so. And every one of us are ministers at one time or another.

[ 4 : 59 ] So it's up to us whether we minister in the way that God wants us to or not. And then it's up to the ones who are hearing whether they receive what's said or not. We've got to begin receiving what the word of God is.

So I want to ask you this question tonight. Are you receiving the ministry that comes out of the pulpit and out of the pews and the congregation when the people begin to minister? Or are you rejecting the word of God?

I don't understand that. It don't matter if you understand it or not. We're to receive the word with gladness.

If we don't understand it, that's okay. Because what we do is we take it and we put it on a shelf. You take notes. You write down scriptures when the minister's preaching.

You can take that. That's your shelf. You put it on there. You can even make yourself a note. I do it all the time. I write my notes out. I write all the scriptures that the preacher's preaching on.

[ 6 : 12 ] And right up above it, I do not understand that. And after a season of time, maybe God will open it up to you with a revelation of what it's about.

But if you don't, if you walk in all the light that God gives you, you know, that word that we receive, you know, we receive the word and it comes forth to us.

And as we receive it and as we understand it, it begins to grow in us. And it comes to full growth, full maturity in us, if we allow it. But if we don't understand it, it can't grow.

But even if it don't grow, even if we receive it with gladness, when we step inside the new city, all the things that we didn't understand that we received with gladness, we're going to understand.

It's just up to us whether we reject the word of God or whether we receive the word of God. It's all up to us. What are we going to do with what God's given us? A lot of people reject it because it doesn't fit their idea of what church ought to be.

[ 7 : 27 ] Well, they preach some things down there at that church that I just don't agree with. That's okay. If you don't like it, there's plenty of other churches that will preach whatever you want them to preach.

Read on a little further. First time. And whoso shall receive one such little one in my name, receiveth me.

Who's the little one? The little one's the one that's preaching the word. Are you receiving the word that's coming forth or are you rejecting it? You're receiving the ministry that's coming out.

Do you reject the word? Verse 6. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones, which believe in me. Uh-oh. It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Woe unto the world because of offenses. For it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh.

[ 8 : 43 ] Cometh. It's offensive to the Lord when we reject his word. You can reject me all you want to.

But if I'm preaching the word of God and I can back up what I'm saying with the word of God, then you reject this. You reject me. You don't have to look at me any time. If you reject this, you're rejecting him.

You're not rejecting me. You're rejecting him. I'm not the most eloquent of speakers. I was raised in Lichville. I don't have a college education.

I didn't really get through high school with a D average. I didn't get free. I don't claim to be the smartest person in the world, but I was smart enough one day to make Jesus the Savior of my life. And so it's up to us. We've got to learn that just because we don't understand something, we don't need to reject it. Because God may have something down the road for us.

[ 9 : 57 ] We were in here Thursday night, and I was talking about, talking about, got to talk about the little men that hold us back.

The little men that hold us back. I didn't have a clue what he was talking about when he was talking about them. It was a few weeks ago. It just... But we got in here the other night, you know, we got to talk about the fireman, and the body of sin, and the old man, and then yourself.

And then you've got the new man, Jesus Christ. And now all these three things get to work together. I didn't understand it the other night, but I understood it enough. The Lord finally revealed it to me enough that I could teach it Thursday night in a simple truth class.

Why? Because I didn't reject it from the truth. But he opened up the revelation. So we got to learn to receive the word with gladness and store it up until we receive a revelation of what the word is in us. We don't want to be the offender. Because the word says, woe unto him, not to be the offender of God. Don't want to receive what God has for us.

[ 11 : 22 ] You better learn to receive what God has for us. Turn over to 1 Corinthians 10. Read about some people that offended God.

1 Corinthians 10, verse 1 says, Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant. How that all our fathers were under the cloud and all passed through the sea. And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

And did all eat that same spiritual meek. And did all drink the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them. And that rock was Christ. But with many of them, God was not well pleased.

Down in me, they did something wrong. God wasn't pleased with them. For they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples to the intent we should not lust after evil things as they also lust.

Neither be ye idolaters as they, as were some of them, as it is written, the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication as some of them committed and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

[ 12 : 48 ] Neither let us tempt Christ as some of them also tempted and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmured ye as some of them also murmured and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them for examples and they were written for our admonitions upon whom the ends of the world are come.

There you go. We're the ones on whom the ends of the world are going. Christ is getting ready to come back. He's going to receive his people.

Now the things that happened to the children of Israel in the wilderness were given to us for our examples that we shouldn't do the same thing for Jesus. Now here, what we're going to deal with tonight is verse 8 right here.

We're going to read verse 8 again and then we're going to come work. Neither let us commit fornication as some of them committed and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

In one day twenty-three thousand of them were destroyed because of their fornication. Go over and read about it. It's in Numbers twenty-five.

[ 14 : 01 ] But they are. They've already been out in the wilderness. They've received the commandments of God. But at this time like a lot of other times they rebelled against God's word.

They rejected God's word. They didn't care what what God had to say. Numbers twenty-five. and one day twenty-four thousand of them died because of their sins.

Because they rejected what God had said and went and committed fornication and idol worship and all these things.

And it was because of one man one stand-up soldier that all of his children were killed. God's word. If he hadn't stood up when he did there's no telling how many of them would have died when God finally got saved.

[ 15 : 18 ] Numbers twenty-five verse one. It says in Israel abode in Shittim and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods and the people did eat and bowed down to their gods.

And Israel joined himself unto Baal Peor and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. Now here they are.

They're out there in the wilderness. They've already been delivered from Egypt. Set free from Egyptian bondage and now they're wandering in the wilderness because they rejected the will of God and wouldn't cross over Jordan into the promised land.

So now they're wandering in the wilderness. Here they come to a place called Shittim and they begin committing adultery with the daughters of Moab. They had already received the commandments of the Lord at this time.

They knew they shall not commit adultery. And it says that they joined themselves unto the worship of Baal Peor.

[ 16 : 21 ] And what that means Baal is the god Peor is the place. So they joined themselves to the god of that city. And they were committing all these adulteries and all these fornications but it was

one man that stood up.

Verse 4 and the Lord said unto Moses take all the heads of the people and hang them up before the Lord against the son that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel.

Moses said unto the judges of Israel slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal Peor and behold one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianites woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation now here they are God has already had Moses tell them you take them in the heads of the houses of everybody that join themselves to there was a lot of people that came out of these houses so a thousand of these heads of house were brought out and they were hung and then you know people get a little brazen in their seniors you can skirt around there's a lot of people skirt around and try and hide what they doing every one of them do it there's little things that we have in our life that we don't want nobody else to see we take them we have them some people don't care what anybody thinks about

I'm going to do it like the for not much the way I am like I said the other night the way I am it up to deal with our flesh we refuse to deal with flesh we ready on and behold one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianites woman in the sight of Moses and the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation they were heartbroken they were heartbroken because of sin and when Phineas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest saw him he rose up from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through the man of

Israel and the woman through her belly so the plague was stayed from the children of Israel and those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand and the Lord spake unto Moses saying Phineas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel while he was zileous for my sake among them that I consume not the children of Israel in my jealousy wherefore say behold I give unto him my covenant of peace and he shall have it and his seat after him even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood because he was zileous for his God and made an atonement for the children of Israel now here they are everybody in the whole stinking camp has already seen what's going on Moses and the elders of Israel are standing before the tent of the congregation weeping and crying about the situation and one of the children of Israel said okay I'm going to take one of these

[ 20 : 05 ] Midianitis woman and I'm going to take her into my tent and if you have any kind of imagination you can imagine what they're doing because that was the way that they worshipped they appealed they had origins and so finish little finish the grandson of Aaron the high priest Moses didn't do anything about it Aaron didn't do anything about it none of the other priests did anything about it but Aaron took a javelin in his hand and went through and said he cursed him through the belly go back to the original

Hebrew of it right where they were committing their acts where the javelin went through and came to the ground God will play with sin for a little while the church today is gone from it used to be black and white this is right and this is wrong now it's gone to everybody does what's right in their own eyes but it's time for God to get to stand up soldiers and it's all black black white white the name in the church bullet says Riverside Pentecostal Tabernational Appet South that means that we're supposed to be preaching the doctrine that the apostles preach but just by looking at our congregation on a daily basis you can tell why because things been let go it's time we stood up again it's time we called black black white white preach hell hot it's time that we become a stand up soldier to the

Lord yeah I expect you you see me doing something wrong you tell me don't go talking about the worst thing we did you see what brother there don't tell brother there what he did I might be doing it out of there I don't want to miss it I don't want to miss it we've got new folks coming in they want to know what the truth is we need to be strict we need to stand for what is going on those two there were killed in their act of fornication been through their sex organs to the ground why for an example this is what the penalty is that day 24,000 people died thousand of the heads of the household and 23,000 others because of the plague that was caused because of their sins but because one person stood up because one person made a stand for God and for his law and his righteousness the plague will stay the pain it's time that we don't lose anymore it's time that we begin to cry out against the sin stand begin to make a stand and cry in one hand we've let things

slip all of you tell me about it

I'm not the most intelligent person in the world don't leave me ask my wife I do stupid stuff all the what good night our teaching nights on Tuesday and Thursday Tuesday and Thursday are good night for everybody if not we can change it for Wednesday or whatever day it would be I'm available all week I don't have to go back to work until at least October so what days would be good for everybody so

I'll just tuck it in there so we can get started yeah the original plan was to do the basics basics on Tuesday night and three four major on Thursday night because I haven't been able to get started on the basics class I went ahead and started the basics class on Thursday night and what the basics class is is just basic church night Thursday night we talked about getting saved accepting Christ as Savior and the beginning growing in God how when Jesus comes in we've got all this other garbage that's still in us we've got to work that Christ might increase and we might decrease we get saved from the power of sin from the outward influences that have been troubling us and all these things we don't have a problem we don't have a problem going out and drinking and doing drugs and doing all these other things but then we've got attitude and all these other things that are down inside of us we have to deal with so it's part of growing up in God so would you want to switch any night

[ 27 : 03 ] I'm available anytime so think about it tonight we'll talk about it tomorrow after Sunday we'll land sometime late tonight we told them to stay home and rest but they don't listen very well so they'll be in sometime tonight and they'll be here for service tomorrow brother is still not going to ministry tomorrow so we'll go ahead by doing that plan he'll not be in here he'll be here in service with us and we'll be in here in service we go back to the nursing home before he is!

Medicare so! they don't keep you very long in the hospital just have hip operated on hallelujah anything else tonight remember we have food in the back welcome to stay if you have money to pay the donation that's fine if you don't that's fine too so let's all stand up we're still starting at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning hallelujah let's all pray precious father we're thankful lord tonight for this privilege you've given us to come into your house lord mighty god for your anointing lord that you've let pass by this way that you've touched us with lord let us do your will lord bring us back in the morning lord ready to receive your word lord lift up your name and praise and glory lord we ask you lord to bless the food that we're about to receive lord let us do your will in Jesus name amen hallelujah shake hands with somebody tell them you love them invite them to come back