

**YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:**

**“HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021"?”**

**“STAND BOLD, STAND TALL AND STAND FREE”**

*... if Jesus sets you free, you are free indeed (John 8:36)*

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# STAND BOLD, STAND TALL AND STAND FREE

Texts:

**John 8:35-36**

“<sup>35</sup>A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Jesus sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

**Galatians 5:1**

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery (or fear).”

**2 Timothy 1:7** “<sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and boldness.”

**1 Timothy 4:12** “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

**1 Corinthians 7:22** “For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman.”

Brethren, don't let anything hold you back from **standing bold, tall and free**.

**What comes to your mind as a limiting factor to your testimonies/ you excelling?**

➤ **Educational limitations**

**Matthew 4:18** “And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: **for they were fishers.**”

**Yet**, same Peter, **standing bold, tall and free** won over people who were educated and in cases, his shadow even healed the dead.

**Acts 2: 14** Then Peter stood up with the eleven, **raised his voice and addressed the crowd**: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

**Acts 5: 15** People brought the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats,

so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. **16** Crowds also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were healed.

➤ **Past Sin(s) after you accepted Christ**

**Matthew 12:** "every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy (irreverence) against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

**1 John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

➤ **Least Among Others**

David was least among eight sons but he was the one chosen by God to rule Israel  
**1 Samuel 16: 10** Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel told him, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." **11** And Samuel

asked him,

“Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied, “but he is tending the sheep.” “Send for him,” Samuel replied. “For we will not sit down to eat until he arrives.” **12** So Jesse sent for his youngest son and brought him in.

**2 Samuel 7:8, God sent a message to David and said** “I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be the ruler over My people Israel.”

➤ **Lack of affluent family pedigree**

God said to Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore Paul boasted all the more gladly about his weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on him.



**Brethren**, recording testimony is not a problem, what is a problem is our ability to push back the voice that tells us we can't.

**Reason** God is admonishing us to STAND BOLD, STAND TALL AND STAND FREE.

The devil does not want us to record testimonies, so he brings negative voices and tries to remind of reasons things will be impossible for us to do.

**However, bibles says:**

**Luke 1:**“<sup>37</sup>**With God nothing shall be impossible.**”

It may feel impossible at some point in the journey BUT as we continue to press further, God appears and leads us to victory.

**In Psalm 110:1 David said”: “The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."**

**Philippians 4:19-20** “God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

In every situation, resist the voice of the enemy and the physical appearance of either lion in sheep cloths or lion in lion's clothes.

- **The voice of the enemy:**

**Devil schemes through voices that speak to us**

**Psalms 143:3** “For the enemy has pursued my soul, crushing my life to the ground, making me dwell in darkness like those long since dead.”

**Psalms 55:2-4** “**2**Attend to me and answer me. I am restless in my complaint, and distraught **3**at the voice of the enemy, at the pressure of the wicked. For they release disaster upon me and revile me in their anger. **4**My heart murmurs within me, and the terrors of death assail me.

- **the physical appearance of lion in sheep clothes**

You encounter people who present themselves as friend, good bosses, etc. but they never work towards your favour or success.

- **the physical appearance of lion in lion's clothes:** people who are always

antagonist to you.

**In all such cases, bible says**

**Ephesians 4:27** “do not give the devil a foothold.”

**James 4:7** “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.”

**Ephesians 6:11** “Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes.”

**1 Peter 5:8** “Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

**1 Peter 5:9** “Resist him, standing firm in your faith and in the knowledge that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.”

**STAND BOLD, STAND TALL AND STAND FREE.**

**Don't allow the devil to rob you of your blessing.**



Conclusion

**Brethren, testimony is our portion and heritage as children of God who have been set free indeed.**

**Let us go and STAND BOLD, STAND TALL AND STAND FREE**

**God Bless you!**