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Sermon Based Questions

Standing with Jesus is never easy. It takes faith and courage to continue standing in spite of the difficulties and opposition we will face in life. In this message we were reminded that our faith is not a one-time decision, but an everyday decision to stand with Him through the good times and bad.

Get to know you:

- What is one thing that you must be constantly reminded to do?

Discussion Questions:

- In the message, Nathan described salvation in terms of past, present, and future. How does this impact the way you think about your faith?
- Marriage is a commonly used metaphor in the scripture to describe our relationship with God. Do you find this metaphor helpful? Why or why not?

Read **Matthew 7:24-27**

- What does Jesus say our lives should be built upon? What does it look like to put this into practice?
- Have you ever obeyed Jesus even though it was hard at the time? What was the result?
- What are some common challenges or "rain," "streams," and "winds" you might face in life, and how does having a strong foundation in faith help you withstand these challenges?

Read **Ephesians 6:10-13**

- Are you prepared to stand? Whether we are getting ready for a boxing match, a singing contest, or cooking a meal … preparations must be made. How can we prepare ourselves so that we are ready when our faith is tested?
- What are some of the "devil's schemes" that Christians might face in their daily lives, and how can the armor of God help in standing against them?
- One of the most important contributing factors to standing in faith over many years will be the people you surround yourself. Discuss how this group can support and encourage one another as you seek to stand for Christ.
- PRAY