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## Standing for the Lord by Mrs. Kacie Jamison

We all need to stand FOR Christ, because one day we will stand BEFORE him.

Romans 14:10b says "...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." What a humbling thought! One day each and every one of us will stand before God and give an account for the lives that we have lived. Romans 14:12 says, "So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God." We have two choices. We can either make our lives count for Christ, or we can one day give an account for our lives in shame.

While thinking about one day standing before God and giving an account for my life, the devil often reminds me of my failures. Then the Lord reminds me that "The just man falleth seven times, and riseth back up again." We will all fail God at some point in this race called life, but we need to get back up. When you fall, allow God to brush you off and take a stand again.

Have you ever watched a sport where the athlete made some very unwise decisions in the game and fell behind; but after some time, that same athlete got back into the game and played better than he had ever played before? The Christian life can be the same way. We can't turn the time clock back, but we can make up for lost time by getting back into the game and working our hardest until the final buzzer sounds.

It's no secret that I have had marital issues in the past. I fell down and felt like quitting, but God soon reminded me that there was a race to run. Some people feel as though they cannot take a stand in areas where they have fallen in the past. They may feel as though it would be hypocritical. That is exactly what Satan wants us to believe! However, the truth is that we need to take a stand in that area more than we ever have before. For me, I need to take a firm stand on my marriage for Christ. How do I do that? I need to take all of my mistakes from the past and put those lessons learned into action.

The areas in which we struggle are all different. What some may think of as an easy win can be a horrible struggle for another. For some it may be gossip. Others may struggle with overeating, or having a daily walk with God in their daily Bible study and prayer time, etc. No matter the challenge ahead of you, be encouraged that you are in a church where you have the best coaches that you could ever have. Our coaches know Satan's strategies well and know how to defeat the opposing team. Be present for training whenever it is available, and put your knowledge into action. We can have all of the training possible and be well-equipped, but it would all be in vain if we refused to take a stand.

Ephesians 6:13 says, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Take a firm stand, and if you get tripped up along the way and fall, remember to stand up and get back into the game!

Philippians 3:13-14 says, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

## A Little Humor by Miss Kaylin Sapp

A four-year-old little girl and her mother went to the beach. There, they found a dead seagull lying on the sand. The little girl asked her mother, "Mommy, what happened to the birdie?"

Her mother wisely told her little one, "Sweetie, the bird died and went to heaven."

Wide-eyed with horror, the child then asked, "And God threw him back down??"

## Don't Forget!

Contact one of our missionary wives this week to let her know we were thinking about her and praying for her!

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## Memory Verse Proverbs 31:10

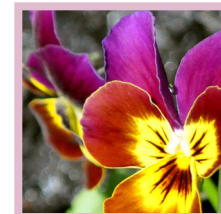
"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

## This month's issue:

- "Quietly Standing for Jesus" by Mrs. Christy Fryman
- Book Review by Mrs. Caryn Bane
- "Standing for the Lord" by Mrs. Kacie Jamison

## Featuring:

- Summer Family Fun tips by Mrs. Kacie Jamison
- Missionary wives' emailing addresses so you can stay in touch with them during the summer months!



## Where Jesus Walked

I Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps."

## Welcome by Mrs. Bane



I would like to wish every mother a very happy Mother's Day today! I hope today will be a very meaningful time to all mothers and children. I suppose many mothers will spend some time with children today, some will share words of love on the telephone or through email, while others will take time cherishing memories of mothers or children who have preceded them to Heaven. Wherever your dear ones are, I hope you will take a least a moment to offer words of love.

As I reflect on the connotation of Mother's Day, I am impressed with the significance of the beautiful relationship between a mother and her children. Every lady is a daughter. Many ladies are also mothers and are privileged to see the relationship from both sides.

If you will indulge me, I would like to reflect on this relationship in a personal way. If we were to have a contest to see whose mother was the best, I would argue with everyone that my mom is the winner! However, I know that you would argue the same about your mother – but that's how it's supposed to be, right? If you, like me, are privileged to have a mother who should be on the poster for "Mother of the Year," count it as one of your greatest blessings! If you are also a mother yourself who still has children at home, I hope that today will be a day of awakening to the awesome responsibility with which the Lord has entrusted you, a day of refocusing on training your children for the Lord's will and purpose. If your children are already grown, perhaps today could be a day committing anew to be a prayer warrior for their families.

To those of you reading this who are "just daughters (or sons, as the case may be)," I hope that you will recognize how very loved you are by your mother! I think I can speak for every mom when I say, "My life was changed for the better because of you!"

I recently heard someone say, "When God thought of the home, He had a really good idea." I would like to say, "When God thought of giving us mothers and children, He had a really good idea!" Every relationship in life was incorporated by God because He made us to need each other. So, let's pick up the torch of having meaningful relationships between mothers and children and put our attention on supplying what is needed to have families that are fulfilling and glorifying to the Lord.

As we finish this year of Ladies of Grace, I want to tell you again that I love you dearly! I hope that you have a fantastic summer – and make a bunch of great memories – and that you will be in your place in September for a new year at Ladies of Grace! In the meantime, if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

I love you!

Mrs. Bane

## Balanced Health

Summer Family Fun

by Mrs. Kacie Jamison

Three simple ways to have family fun:

1. You can have fun anywhere, anytime! The place where you choose to spend your day isn't as important as your attitude when you go there. Attitude IS everything!
2. Don't be afraid to be goofy. Never lose the ability to make your kids laugh.
3. Always have your camera. Some of the best pictures that I have of our family were not taken on vacation. Those memories were captured during car trips, grocery shopping, and I can't forget the thrift stores! Thrift stores equal endless fun. I have pictures to prove it!

## Quietly Standing for Jesus

by Mrs. Christy Fryman

Many of us are privileged to have secular jobs. I say this because we have the opportunity to stand for Jesus every day. I have seen Christians who have pushed their unsaved family or co-workers away because they were over-bearing, weird, unethical, or dishonest. Our testimonies are watched all around us by both the saved and unsaved world in which we work. We can stand quietly for Jesus in what is seemingly small ways.

I work for a successful, educated, liberal-minded woman who in many ways one would think was a Christian, because she has many characteristics of one. Knowing this, I have felt that it would be hard for her to see a difference in me. For many years, I have had a burden for her to get saved. To win her, I know that I can't debate her, and that I shouldn't discuss why I believe what I believe or talk about church incessantly (and because I have not done this, she has been more curious about our church and asks questions). The difference she will see will be in my work ethic, business dealings, the trust she has in me with her personal/work finances, and in my emotional/behavioral consistency.

These things compel me to watch my testimony. I have worked hard to build the relationship I have with my boss, because I look forward to one day seeing her get saved.

Use your situation at work. Watch the way you talk to your co-workers/ boss. Be over-polite, for this goes a long way. Take correction with a good attitude! We can stand strongly in our beliefs, but there is an appropriate time to also witness without words.



## Book Review

by Mrs. Caryn Bane

*Talking to Our Daughters*, by Mrs. Jane and Mrs. Kris Grafton

As a mother of two daughters, I am always looking for Christian resources that address the issues and concerns which face my girls. I have read many helpful books, but without a doubt this is the book I have found to be the most helpful. Sisters-in-law Jane and Kris Grafton provide both practical and spiritual advice to help mothers – and their daughters – to successfully navigate the multitude of changes that require attention during the adolescent years.

The authors confidently give direction about discussing hormones, puberty, emotions, insecurity, feelings of sexuality, purity, and relationships. Practical advice is offered for a healthy diet, skin care, personal hygiene, and general care for the body. Every chapter is packed full of useful guidance on how to actually communicate with our daughters in a manner that is full of acceptance and does not threaten. A close relationship is not only possible, but is desired by both mother and daughter – this book teaches how to do it! Most importantly, every topic is approached through the principles of the Word of God.

If I could only have one book besides the Bible to help me be a mother to teen daughters, this is the book I would choose! It is worth its price a hundred times over. Rather than choosing to ignore the changes and challenges that face our daughters, every mom would be wise to have this book in her library in order to be prepared to lovingly guide her girls through the jungle of adolescence.