



# STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT!

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**ACTS 4:18-20 NKJV – (18)** So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. **(19)** But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. **(20)** For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. – **MLK Jr. (A part of his last speech prior to his assassination – 4/3/1968).**

The council order the apostles to quit speaking publicly about Jesus. Peter and John tell them they'll say what God tells them to say, and the Sanhedrin releases them (Acts 4:5–22). When Peter and John return to the other Jesus-followers, they don't pray for protection—they pray for courage. They will not give up. Instead they stand.

“Stand up for what is right even if you're standing alone.” “Stand up for what is right regardless of who is committing the wrong.” “When we stand up for what we believe in—for what's right—there is always a chance that we risk the very things we fight for: our safety, our lives, our freedom.”

## SCRIPTURE READING

**ISAIAH 56:1**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Always stand up for Truth regardless of who steps on it.”