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## THEY WHO STOOD

Text: Genesis 18:22 - 23

*And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? (Genesis 18:22 - 23)*

*And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh King of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:46)*

In Genesis, Moses stood barefoot before God. Therefore, if Moses could stand before God, he had no trouble standing before Pharaoh.

Joshua stood with God's people after marching around the walls of Jericho seven days. It was after seven times on the last day that they stood there shouting that the walls came tumbling down. (Joshua 6:15 - 16)

Elijah stood before Baal's prophet Ahab on Mt Carmel and God sent down fire and burnt down the altar. (I Kings 18:30 - 38)

Esther the Queen stood before her people after fasting and said, "I will go before the king and if I perish, let me perish." (Esther 4:16)

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego stood in the fiery furnace. Jesus hugged them and told them, "Everything is alright. My voice keeps the fire at a cooler temperature." (Daniel 3:19 - 25)

Jesus stood before Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate, the Sadducees and the Pharisees and declared to all of them, "If you tear this building down I'll build it up in three more days." He was talking about his temple. (John 2:19)

Paul stood on Mars Hill and declared they had too many gods and were too superstitious. "The one God you don't know is the one I want to tell you about." (Acts 17:22 - 23)

John stood on the Isle of Patmos and talked with the resurrected Christ in His glory. (Revelation 1:9)

The Bible tells us all these persons stood and made a difference in the world around them. Jesus is calling you to stand today. Stand up and be a witness. Stand up and be counted among those who stood.