

Standing Alone

by Chuck Durham



James 4:8

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Drawing Near to God

John Quincy Adams served the last 17 years of his life in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is arguably his life's greatest work. His enemies despised him, especially slave owners. He consistently defended the lowly (American Indians, women's rights, the right of citizens to petition their government). He fought tirelessly into his eightieth year (he died at his post). He served all the citizens of the United States, not just his parochial interests. He watched as politics descended into the abyss; where service was not based on principles, but upon economics, constituencies, and, most of all, for almighty power. He was indeed, the last son of the Revolutionary age, where patriots served their nation's highest good.

As a result of not playing to either political

"party," he found himself alone—David fighting the behemoth Goliath. The *Democratic Review* portrayed his work this way: "Alone, unspoken to, unconsulted, never consulting others, he sits apart" (**Joseph Wheelan, Mr. Adam's Last Crusade, 136**).

Remember – if you choose to stand for



something in this life, you will often stand alone (especially if you lead it). At the end, all of Jesus' disciples forsook Him and fled (Mark 14:50). Paul sadly noted that no one stood with him at his first defense before Caesar's tribunal (2 Tim. 4:16). Micaiah was the only prophet to tell Ahab and Jehoshaphat the

truth (1Kings 22). David against Goliath, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel—the list is lengthy of those who stood alone. Or, did they?

Paul told the sailors during the storm in Acts 27:23, "For there stood by me this night an angel of the God...whom I serve." He also wrote: "But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully" (2 Tim. 4:17). If we are on God's side, then it is a majority no matter how many are in the opposition. The Bible exhorts us to remember this as well, and to keep on going!

We need Elisha's prayer for his servant, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see....and he saw...the mountains were full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" (2 Kings 6:17). 📖

AM Sermon: "See My Hands & My Feet" (Luke 24:35-48)
PM Sermon: PM Service Cancelled Until Further Notice

Quotables



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“Meek endurance and meek obedience, the acceptance of His dealings, of whatever complexion they are and however they may tear and desolate our hearts, without murmuring, without sulking, without rebellion or resistance, is the deepest conception of the meekness that Christ pronounced blessed.” —*Alexander Maclaren*

“If you want to be miserable think about yourself, about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, and what people think of you.”

—*Charles Kingsley*

Westside Family News... (send news to durhamchuk@aol.com)

Prayer List:

Tabitha Hudspeth (cancer); **Parker Family** (family issues); **Kat Deuster and boys** (continued stability); **Kellye Hardin** (for improvement)

Shut-Ins: **Bill Lundy;**
Nadine Poteete; **Darl Feagin**

General Family Info:

Tabitha Hudspeth is at her parents in quarantine. Congratulations to **Steven & Heather Kinyon** at the birth of their baby girl, **Ella Marie**, on **April 7**. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. Both mom and baby are home

and doing well. **Becca Leblanc**, gave birth to a son, **Callum David**, on **March 25**. Both are doing great. **Makenzie McJunkins'** father, **James McJunkins**, continues to improve from his surgery. Keep **Jennifer Bean** in your prayers. **Tim & Wendi Cheatham** need our prayers that he finds a good job.

Due to the Covid19 outbreak: The elders made the tough decision to cancel **ALL** worship assemblies and Bible classes at Westside's building for the next few weeks. **Sunday AM Worship services** are Live-streamed on our Facebook page and then available to watch on Westside's

YouTube page, Facebook, or Westside's website. If you have a YouTube account, you can subscribe to Westside's account and it will update you when videos are posted. **Chuck's** videos are posted for **Wednesday's Study on Genesis 12-50**. For the study on **April 15**, please read **Gen. chs. 18-20**. **Ken Ledbetter** is finishing his class on **2 Peter and Jude** via videos also posted on our website, Facebook and YouTube accounts. Starting today his videos are available on **Sundays**. Next week on **April 19**, he will cover **2 Peter 3:4-10**. A big shout out to our deacons who have helped keep all of this going!