



Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide
or personal devotional guide

THE BETTER STORY



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Walk Like A Man

Introduction: Father's Day is always a special day at LWC. We take time to honor the men who are godly fathers and challenge them to raise the standard of manhood. Sadly, there are few fathers in the nation who take pride in investing in the spiritual development of their children and holding the high standard in their community. It takes strength to "Walk Like A Man!"

Text: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 1 Cor. 16:13

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: Watch television shows (adult and child sit coms) and make a list of how father's are portrayed. What did you discover? Write/Discuss
2. Read 1 Kings 2:1-4 Why would Solomon need to be strong? What is the significance of his Father being the one to call Solomon into manhood?
3. David set the standard for which Solomon should live by. What was it? Why is it important to have a standard that is above your own opinions? Why is it important that we see the word of God as the standard that rules our life?
4. What standard do you see people living by in today's culture?
5. David reminded Solomon of the blessing that follows for obeying and living under the standard of God. Obedience brought about a satisfaction to live by. Discuss/Write how you have experienced the satisfaction from the Lord in your walk with Christ.
6. Read 1 Cor. 16:13—He ends with the command to be strong. Why will you need strength to carry out the commands of verse 13?
7. Paul says to "be watchful." There is an enemy (the flesh, the world, and satan) that will tempt you to abandon the standard of God. Why is it important to be alert in your walk of faith? What are the dangers the come against your faith? How can you be watchful as you live out your faith?
8. Paul says to "stand firm in the faith." Stand firm is a military term—hold your ground. We are to have sound doctrine and know what we believe and be able to defend it. Who is God? Who is Jesus and what did he accomplish? Why the cross? How are we saved from our sin? Why the Bible? What happens when I die? Is there only one way to God or many ways? These are sample questions that require sound doctrine—can you answer them?
9. Paul says to "act like men." The Corinthian church was filled with sin and selfishness. They were acting like children. They were not protecting their church, families, fellowship, and witness. Children do what they feel like doing. Adults should do what is right. What are the responsible actions that men must take to be the godly husband and father that they should be?

Think About it:

One of the contributing factors in the breakdown of the family and the problems in our nation is the lack of fathers in the home. Children are negatively impacted by the absence and the abuse of ungodly fathers. It's time to change the tide. Men need to be strong and begin acting like men. In a culture that has confused the genders, it's time for the real men of faith to rise up be watchful and stand strong!

Moving Forward:

Reflect this week on your walk with Christ. Men—are you living by the spirit of manhood? Is the Bible the standard you live by? Make a plan for how you will be watchful. Make sure you know sound doctrine of the faith. Have strength to stand and live for the glory of Christ! Write out a fatherhood creed that will challenge you to live out your faith so that you might be a blessing to your wife, children, church, and community.