

# SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 12/16/07

## *“Who Will Stand for God?”*

### **I. Topic to be Discussed**

- A. This is the time of year when I reflect and refocus as I think about what I want to accomplish in the coming year. I believe we have laid a foundation that we can begin to build upon in the coming year.
- B. God’s work through us depends on our courage to stand by faith. When the going gets tough, when there’s souls to save, when good needs to be done — who will stand for God?

### **II. Who Will Stand?**

- A. To Give Their All for God? (We are Disciples)
  - 1. Mark 15:42-43 – Courage. The world had turned against Jesus. His peers had vocally rejected Him and His followers, but Joseph stood for Him. Where are these people today?
  - 2. Ezekiel 22:22-30 – When the world around you is falling apart. Sin is around every corner; evil is where good should be. Who will stand for what is right?
- B. To Encourage Other Workers? (We are Servants)
  - 1. Mark 3:1-5 – A man in great need, no one had the compassion to help him. Who will reach out to those who are hurting? Who will show compassion?
  - 2. 2 Timothy 4:9-16 – Lonely words. No one was with Paul in his toughest hour. Who will stand by those who are fighting for the truth? Who will hold the hand of those who suffer?
- C. To Reach a World that Needs Grace? (We are Messengers)
  - 1. Acts 9:10-16 – People we never would have thought of as instruments of God, who will go and tell them of the grace of God?
  - 2. Isaiah 6:6-9a – Who is willing to pass the message of grace that they have received on to others? Who will tell others of God’s love? Who will go?
- D. To Praise and Honor God? (We are Worshipers)
  - 1. Luke 17:11-19 – God has delivered us from emptiness, isolation, the pit, despair and given us meaning, hope, and a home. Where are those who praise Him for His gift?
  - 2. Romans 1:18-23 – Where are those who show God the respect due Him?