



“Persuaded to Stand”

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I. **Romans 8:35-39**

A. The Mark of our Country's Freedom

1. 250 years of Celebration...the United States was birthed from intense economic and social chaos; yet this turbulence ultimately forged a resilient nation.
2. *When we look back at the American Revolution, we often picture neatly dressed men signing documents in Philadelphia. But the reality was messy. The colonies were chaotic and desperate. Citizens faced crushing debt, military occupation, and profound uncertainty. Families were torn apart by divided loyalties. People lived in constant fear of a collapsing economy and an escalating war against a global superpower. Yet, in the midst of that overwhelming friction, the Founders clung to a vision of unity, liberty, and a future governed by the consent of the people. They took a chaotic, violent fracture and built a framework of laws, human rights, and eventual redemption. One Nation Under God, Indivisible, With Liberty....*
3. Be thankful for the ones that fought for this nation; be thankful for the ones that were persuaded to stand. Be thankful for what God has given us through the powerful freedom that reigns across our land!

B. People Today....Christians Today

1. Similarly, many people today are navigating through deep personal and societal struggles. The financial weight, growing health concerns, and the burden of raising children in a confused and chaotic world is enough for anyone to lose sleep over....Our youth today are troubled with anxiety and identity issues that the previous generation didn't even dream could be a factor...
2. Christians face the same challenges and unfortunately, many have fallen prey to Satan's plan.....but, for those who are persuaded to truth, persuaded to God's anointing, persuaded to Stand...they will see God's power revealed!

II. The Power of Persuasion

A. I AM Persuaded...

1. I Am Convinced....I Know for a fact that....If God is for me...
2. **Romans 4:18-21** *Fully Persuaded – Fully Know, Most Surely Believe*

B. Peer Pressure to Give Up

1. **I Corinthians 15:33** (Amplified) *“Bad company ruins good morals.”*
2. **II Peter 2:7-8** – What you see, what you hear...is what you get! (You may think you are strong enough, but everyone is affected by what they surround themselves with; that's why **Prov. 4:23** says to guard your heart, and **I Thess. 5:22** says to *“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”* (David – **II Samuel 11:1-2**)
3. King Saul was persuaded by the wrong voice – **I Samuel 15:24**