

Stand Still A While

1 Sam. 9:27 *[And] as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.*

From this point you are going out into the world to meet the most challenging time of your life. Just recently I was thinking of how nice it used to be when I was still in high school and had no bills to pay, no boss to obey, and no other responsibilities.

When I got, as they say, “out into the world,” I found that there were challenges that were miles higher than my expectations or my ability to overcome. I found that I was not really ready to meet the world.

You may find that you will face those same challenges and even some obstacles along the way as I did.

But before I got out into the world, I had a family that taught me to depend upon the Bible for my moral and social attitude. You see, my mother and father saw that I knew about the Bible, the word of God, beginning when I was a little boy. They took me to church regularly, and they lived as though they believed the Bible is the word of God.

When I was a little boy, my mother sat her children down and opened her Bible and read it to us as we listened to the Proverbs and some of the most fascinating stories I ever heard.

So, when I went on my quest in the world, I had a solid and regular source of quality instruction that would guide me throughout my life, the Bible.

I believe the Bible is God’s true and infallible word. It has no mistakes. I believe that from it I can glean wonderful truths that will keep me on the right path. I believe it can comfort me when I am discouraged or troubled. I believe it can entertain me when I need to read an interesting story or read some beautiful poetry.

When I would lose my job or lose a friend or have a bad day at work or a hard day at school, I would always just stand still for a while and let God show me the word of God.

I read about the nation of Israel and God’s great victory for them and how he fought against their enemies. I learned that God protected Job against the challenges of Satan. I read about how to handle my money and how to raise a family. I read how I should love my enemies and yet not to be weak but to stand for what I believe.

I learned that God has everything planned out so that we have nothing to worry about in this life. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are called according to his purpose.

But Saul had to be reminded to “Stand still a while.” Sometimes we get so busy that we forget to stand still a while and be shown the word of God. If we do that, we will get swallowed up in the world and will have problems that we can’t imagine can be so bad as they are.

Of all people, Saul needed the word of God, just as the great leaders of our country and of the world today need the word of God. The further we get away from the word of God, the more cursed this nation will be. So, each one who lives in the world needs to stand still a while and hear the word of God.

Every time you go to church and sit in the pew and listen to your preacher preach the word of God, you are standing still to be shown the word of God. If you go to Bible college and sit in class and listen to your Bible teacher, you will be standing still to be shown the word of God. Every time you listen to your Sunday School teacher open the pages of the Bible and expound the meaning of the lesson, you are standing still to be shown the word of God.

So many today have stopped going to Sunday School, and many have stopped going to church. Many have no interest in the word of God. But what will we do without the Bible?

A nation is like a building; and if that building does not have the right foundation, it will fall to the ground. You remember the story about the man who built his house on the sand. When the rain came, the house fell down; but the man who built his house on a rock had a solid foundation, and the house remained solid when the rains came.

You can help make this country solid. If you will stand still a while and be shown the word of God, you will be firming up the foundation of this country. Pray for its leaders, and live your own life in accordance to the word of God, the Bible.

Take the Bible with you to college, to church, keep one in your car so you can refer to it often. Never let a day go by without listening to God speak to you through the Bible.

And when you are an old man like I am, you will look back at the times when the Bible made you laugh, made you joyful, made you cry, made you wonder, made you learn, and made you obedient.

The more you read your Bible, the more you will love the Lord. He will become more precious to you every day that you live.

So, don't forget to stand still a while and be shown the word of God. You will be glad you did.