

# Norfolk



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*Helping the Hurting and the Homeless  
in the Name of Jesus Christ*

**Standing and kneeling:** two very simple actions that have the potential to make huge waves.

Many years ago, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah were commanded to kneel before the golden statue established by Nebuchadnezzar. When the music began however, these three young men remained standing and thus remained loyal to God. **Their loyalty to God however was considered an act of insubordination to their king.**

Likewise, Daniel was warned that to offer up prayer to anyone other than King Darius would be a capital offense. As was his normal routine, **Daniel openly knelt before his God, ignoring the threat.** Daniel's allegiance to God was interpreted as indifference to the law.

Today, standing and kneeling continue to carry tremendous weight and have the potential of incurring great consequences. It's easy to stand when the crowd is standing. **The real question is... will you stand when no one else stands with you?**

**"Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise."** These were the concluding remarks of Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms. Who stood with him that day? **He stood alone,** knowing that his stance on the authority of the Scriptures alone would be his death sentence.

**What do you stand for?**

There is an old Sunday school song that I'm sure most of you are familiar with. The chorus ends with, **"I stand alone on the Word of God, the B.I.B.L.E."** If it's good enough for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, then it's good enough for me. **I choose to stand on the teachings, principles, doctrines and authority of the Word of God.**

Standing on the truth of God's Word is certainly not a popular position, nor is it considered socially acceptable or politically correct. But none of that matters to me for I will not be judged by my culture. **I will however stand before God and will need to give an account of my handling of His Word.**

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.** (2 Timothy 2:15)*

It's unfortunate that some folks like to complicate matters that have already been settled by the Lord for a few thousand years! There are far too many topics being discussed and debated that have clear answers in God's Word.

Here at the Norfolk Rescue Mission, we take a firm stand on the authority of God's Word. All that we do and teach is based on what God has already established as truth. There is no need to form a committee or start a discussion. **We already know the answer to life's greatest questions because we know the One who gave us life.**

***He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me. 2 Sam. 22:20 ESV***

When you support our work here at the Norfolk Rescue Mission, you are helping us to evangelize the lost and to disciple those who have made new commitments to follow Christ. We appreciate your partnership. **Your gifts and prayers are the bread and butter of what we do.**

Let me close by reminding you that our Annual Banquet is still scheduled for Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. **Tickets are Free, but reservations are required** so that we can give an accurate count to the caterers. Please call us at (402) 371-6484 today to reserve your seats.

Thank you again for supporting our stance on God's Word,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pastor Will

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