



STANDING STRONG

BEING YOUR BEST WHEN LIFE IS AT ITS WORST

(A STUDY OF 1 AND 2 PETER)

#6: STANDING STRONG DESPITE YOUR “CRAZY MAKERS”—1 PETER 3:8-22

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1. Be different: Overcome evil with good (v.8-11)

Four keys to changing my relationship with my “crazy makers”

- Accept them

WHAT IF EVERYBODY WAS JUST LIKE ME?

If everybody was just like me...

The world would sure be a better place to be.
There would be no murder, for I'm not violent.
No stealing, for I'm not a thief.
No adultery, for I'm happily wed.
No atheism, for I believe in God.
No ignorance, for I've been to school.

If only the world was more like me...

Surely it would be a better place to be.

Or would it?

For if everybody was just like me...

There would be no merry-go-rounds, for I get dizzy,
No clowns, for I'm self-conscious.
No doctors, for I hate blood.
No painters, for I'm color blind.
No mechanics, for I can't fix anything.
No elevator operators, for I'm claustrophobic.
No home run kings, for I can't hit a curve.
No balloon riders, for I'm afraid of heights.

Come to think of it,

If the world was just like me

It would be an awfully boring place to be!

Judson Edwards

- **Love them**

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."
Luke 23:34 (NLT)

- **Forgive them**

- **Bless them**

2. Be confident: Suffering for doing right is rewarded by God (v.12-14)

The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God you fear everything else.

Oswald Chambers

Those who are treated badly for doing good are happy, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Matthew 5:10 (NCV)

3. Be ready: Share the reasons for your hope (v.15-16)

4. Be grateful: Remember what Jesus went through to save me (v.17-22)