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Whatever Happens:

**1. Stand up- how you live your life in the midst of hardship matters (27)**

As one connected to Christ, stand up on your feet and conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

Christians every day give false testimony about the unity they have in Christ because they allow circumstantial faith to tell the story of their lives instead of the life-changing power of the gospel.

**2. Stand Together- how you live with other Christians matters (27b)**

You are not alone in this race. Believers are called to stand as one.

Standing together displays the power of unity within the Christian church. Because you love God, you love others, and when others see you standing by a brother and sister contending for the faith it shows the power of the living God.

**3. Stand Firm- how you contend for the faith matters (27c)**

You are called to defend the gospel, you will be opposed but do not fear by standing up and standing together you can stand firm and move forward.

Contending for the gospel is the responsibility of all believers. Christ calls us all to lay down our lives and carry the cross. He is our great example. Let Christ set the pattern in your life and follow.

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