



## How to Stand Together

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#### What This *Doesn't* Mean

(1) You've got to be \_\_\_\_\_ with everyone.

(2) You've got to \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ with everyone.

#### What This *Does* Mean

You're not going to let anything disrupt the \_\_\_\_\_ you have with others \_\_\_\_\_.

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.  
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(3) Be graciously \_\_\_\_\_.  
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(4) Commit to anxiety-relieving \_\_\_\_\_.  
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(5) Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ things.  
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Stand **TOGETHER** in the **LORD**!

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#### What This *Doesn't* Mean

- (1) You've got to be **BEST FRIENDS** with everyone.
- (2) You've got to **AGREE** on **EVERYTHING** with everyone.

#### What This *Does* Mean

You're not going to let anything disrupt the **UNITY** you have with others **IN CHRIST**.

#### How to Stand Together

- (1) Be a **PEACEMAKER**.

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- (2) **REJOICE** in Christ.

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- (3) Be graciously **GENTLE**.

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- (4) Commit to anxiety-relieving **PRAYER**.

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- (5) Focus on **PRAISEWORTHY** things.

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## For Further Study

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### Getting Started

1. Have you ever had a falling out with a family member or friend? Why can it be so challenging to make peace with others after experiencing a rift in relationship?
2. What kinds of qualities do you think a good peacemaker possesses?

### Digging Deeper

3. Read Acts 15:36-41. What happened between Paul and Barnabas?
4. Years after Paul had his falling out with Barnabas over John Mark, in another letter Paul wrote from prison in Rome, Paul mentions and endorses Mark by name (Read Colossians 4:10). What does this tell you about what must have happened after their falling out? What does this teach you about relational rifts and pursuing reconciliation, especially with others who are also *in Christ*?

### Driving It Home

5. How does the example of Paul and Barnabas/Mark help you to take the first step toward reconciliation with someone who may have offended you?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-19. Note especially verse 19: "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them." How does seeing our God as Reconciler encourage you to be a peacemaker?