

## 9. Sample Roof Crasher Lesson: Standing Firm

Last week we talked about how everyone has a story and how you can minister to people by simply showing interest in them by asking them their stories. We modeled this by having everyone share a story about a time when he was afraid. We all learned something about each other, and our relationship grew as a result.

This week I want to talk about the Roof Crasher virtue of standing firm and three things that can knock us over as we try to stand firm.

Matthew 7:24–27 talks about the storm that beat against that house, which did not fall as it was anchored on the rock. Ephesians 4:14 talks about being tossed about by the wind and the waves.

What are some ways that you think you could be kept from standing firm? Let the group respond. The following are some examples you might share:

- Temptation
- Isolation
- Not paying attention
- Lack of accountability
- Drifting from faith
- Distraction

There are lots, but I want to suggest three primary ways—fear, pride, and indifference.

**Fear:** We talked about fear last week—2 Timothy 1:7 (someone read)—about not being given a spirit of timidity but one of power, love, and self-control. But we still are afraid.

- What causes you to be fearful or anxious?
- What do you do to regain a sense of calm?
- Where is God in the process?

**Pride:**

- How does pride complicate an already bad situation?
- Do we sometimes need help in bad situations?
- Does pride sometimes get in the way?

1 Peter 5:6 tells you to humble yourself under His hand so that *He* will lift you up.

**Indifference:** Men do not belong on the sidelines! There is too much at stake in our families, our friends' lives, and our culture, those around us! The fact that you exist means that God has work for you—an assignment.

- What are some of our possible assignments (Ephesians 2:10)?
- As young men, you guys have an assignment, a passion that God has put in you. How do you discover that assignment, that passion?

Standing firm is a Roof Crasher virtue. To stand firm we must guard against fear, pride, and indifference!