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**TAKING YOUR STAND**  
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**TAKING YOUR STAND:**

1. Demands a \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 21)

<b>THE POINT</b>	A _____ is as wrong as _____. (See James 4:4; Matthew 6:24; James 1:8; Rev. 3:15-16)
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2. Calls for \_\_\_\_\_ . (v.18)

<b>OUR CRITICAL QUESTION</b>	Are we willing to courageously _____ to see _____ to our country? (see 2 Tim. 3:12)
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3. Requires repairing \_\_\_\_\_ . (v.30)

<b>THE INSIGHT</b>	The foundation had to be _____ before any _____ could be offered upon it.
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4. Involves \_\_\_\_\_ . (v.22)

<b>GOD'S PERSPECTIVE</b>	The _____ never determines _____ of an issue. (see Joshua 24:14-15)
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“Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.” Romans 1:22-23

**TAKING A STAND**

“Thus says the LORD, ‘Do not learn the way of the nations, and do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens although the nations are terrified by them; for the customs of the peoples are delusion; because it is wood cut from the forest, the work of the hands of a craftsman with a cutting tool.. They decorate it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers so that it will not totter. Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field are they, and they cannot speak; they must be carried, because they cannot walk! Do not fear them, for they can do no harm, nor can they do any good.’”  
Jeremiah 10:2-5

1. Demands a committed decision. (v. 21)

**THE POINT**

A divided allegiance is as wrong as open idolatry. (See James 4:4; Matthew 6:24; James 1:8; Rev. 3:15-16)

“You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” James 4:4

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other.” Matthew 6:24

“A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” James 1:8 KJV

“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.”  
Revelations 3:15-16

2. Calls for courageous risk. (v.18)

**OUR CRITICAL QUESTION**

Are we willing to courageously pay the price to see righteousness returned to our country? (See 2 Timothy 3:12)

“Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” 2 Timothy 3:12

3. Requires repairing broken altars. (v.30)

### **THE INSIGHT**

The foundation had to be shored up before any acceptable sacrifices could be offered upon it.

4. Involves standing alone. (v.22)

### **GOD’S PERSPECTIVE**

The number of adherents never determines the truth of an issue. (see Joshua 24:14-15)

“Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:14-15