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Sermon: **The Christian Who Will Shine In The 21st Century (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)**

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Paul is nearing the end of his first letter to the Corinthians. In his closing remarks, he has a few important last minute exhortations to give the church in Corinth. In verses 13-14, we find five admonitions given to the Corinthians. As we study them together, we will see that they are just as important and relevant to us in the 21st century as they were to the Corinthians believers in the 1st century. If we want to shine for Jesus Christ in this world, then it's going to take watchfulness. It's going to take courage. It's going to take strength and determination. And in everything, it's going to take love. As Paul puts it, "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

Individual Bible Study

1. Please read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 and ensure that you've listened to the sermon from Sunday.
 - a. What does it mean to "be watchful," (v. 13)? Why do we need to be watchful?
 - b. What are some ways in which we can be watchful in our families? In our church?
 - c. What does it mean to "stand firm in the faith," (v. 13)? Why is this important?
 - d. Read Jude 3. What is this verse commanding us to do and how does it relate to how we ought to stand firm in the faith?
 - e. What does it mean to "act like men," (v. 13)? How can we apply this command in our lives?
 - f. The word translated "act like men," is also used frequently in the Greek Old Testament to encourage soldiers to be strong and have courage. Read Joshua 1:6-7, 9, 10:25 and write down what you learn and how it encourages you.

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- g. What does it mean to “be strong,” (v. 13)? What implications does this command have for our spiritual life?
- h. When Paul says, “let all that you do be done in love,” what does he mean by “love”? What does he not mean by the word “love”? How would you describe the kind of love Paul is talking about?
- i. How do you see these traits in verses 13-14 perfectly exemplified in Jesus Christ?
- j. Of the five exhortations given in verses 13-14, which one do you need to work on the most in your life? What can you do to grow in this area?

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
2. The commands given in verse 13 use military language. What does this teach us about how we must approach and live out our Christian faith?
3. Of the five exhortations given in verses 13-14, which one do you think is most lacking in the greater church today? Why? What needs to be done to correct this?
4. Why do we need to be watchful and how can we live out this command in our families and in our church?
5. What does it look like to practically stand firm in the faith? How can you assess whether or not you are doing so?
6. Of the five exhortations given in verses 13-14, which one do you find is the most difficult for you to live out? Why? How can you grow in this?