

# REAL MATURE

## Part 3: Stand Up

### READ: Philippians 1:27-30

Step 4: List some key words:

Step 1: underline nouns

Step 2: double underline verbs

Step 3: circle descriptive words

**Snapshot:** Philippians is a letter written by the Apostle Paul around A.D. 53-59. Paul is writing to Christians in Philippi about spiritual growth and having joy in the face of suffering.

**UNDERSTAND:** *What are the main points of this passage?*

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**APPLY & SHARE:** *What do I need to do and who needs to know?*

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## Discussion Guide

### READ-UNDERSTAND:

#### Philippians 1:27

- What are some ways we justify our actions based on the difficulty of the situation? How does it hinder us from doing what is right?
- What are some ways we can train (or prepare) ourselves to be ready to do what is right (“worthy of the gospel”) in any situation?

#### Philippians 1:28

- How can handling difficult situations alone be dangerous? Talk about a time when you handled something alone and it would have been better to seek help.
- What do you think it looks like to “stand firm in one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel”?
- What type of opposition in life scares you?
- (v.28b) How does standing firm, striving for faith and not being afraid show people around you they need Christ?

#### Philippians 1:29-30

- Looking back, how do you see your suffering as being “granted to you” by God?

**APPLY-SHARE:** *What should I do now and who else needs to hear it?*

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