

## **Hold the Line!**

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### **Ready:**

Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

### **Set**

Every football player knows the value of a good offensive line. There's a mild disgust when a defensive back finds a hole and the play is over before the offense could produce something. That's where it all starts or ends. There's something formed in the hearts of men/women when they stand shoulder to shoulder with their teammates; and the strength as a unit is greater than the sum of the parts. There's a bond formed and a confidence forged deep in the soul.

We, as followers of God, are called to stand shoulder to shoulder in our communities, nation, and the world. We are to stand uncompromising in our faith, setting an example and exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit. It's often said that what's permitted in one generation becomes the standard of the next. It's critical that we hold the "line" in our generation! Christians in Bible times were beaten, jailed, and killed for their faith, yet they continued to spread the gospel at a rapid pace. We, too, are in a battle, though not against flesh and blood. Our "line" is to be solid and strong—moving forward and taking ground.

We have silver screen examples of this like *Gladiator* and *300*. Something stirs in us while watching a skilled army operate as a single impenetrable unit. Let's give the world an example like they've never seen. Let's hold the "line" in our generation!

### **Go**

1. With whom in your life do you lock shields?
2. Are you trying to be a line all by yourself?
3. What can you do where you are to advance the line?

### **Workout**

Extra Reading: Matthew 28:18; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:16; Hebrews 10:23

### **Overtime**

Father, please remind me to work with my teammates in Christ. Show me that as a unit, we can better hold the line in our generation and make a difference for You. Thank You. Amen.



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