- 1. Recall a time when you felt the pressure from the world and you knew you needed to take a stand. In those moments do you tend to blend, fold, hide, or stand?
- 2. Read Exodus 1:8-22. What was the condition of the nation of Israel before Moses took his stand? How badly did they need a leader who would stand? What is the condition of our country? How badly do we need Christians who will stand?
- 3. Read Matthew 5:14-16. When do you need a light? What does Jesus expect Christians to do when conditions are the darkest? Are you shining and standing?
- 4. Christians sometimes are known more for what they stand <u>against</u> rather than what they stand <u>for</u>. List things that Christians must stand for? Make the list as long as you can.
- 5. Moses' parents took a stand for righteousness before Moses. Are your children seeing and hearing you taking stands inside and outside your home for Jesus? Are you standing up to them? Have you ever been encouraged by seeing your children stand for righteousness?
- 5. Read Ex. 2:22. Why did Moses name his first child, Gershom meaning, "I have become an alien in a foreign land."? Do you feel like Moses or do you feel at home in this world?
- 6. Read 1Peter 2:11-12 and Phil. 3:20. What should be our expectation and responsibility as aliens?
- 7. Review the things Christians must refuse and choose in taking a stand. Have you made these commitments?
 - I will <u>refuse</u> to need the validation of the world and <u>choose</u> to be identified with the people of God.
 - I will refuse the expectation of a conflict-free life and choose to trust the protection of God.
 - I will <u>refuse</u> the temporary pleasure of sin and <u>choose</u> the eternal treasure of pleasing Jesus.
- 8. Read 1Tim. 5:12 and Luke 21:12. Are you prepared for persecution?
- 9. Have your eyes been opened to the glory of Jesus? Do you consciously remind yourself that your life is to be lived for his purposes?