

A scenic mountain landscape. In the foreground, a lush green field slopes down towards a small, rustic wooden cabin with a dark roof and green shutters. A paved road winds through the valley below. In the middle ground, a small town is nestled among trees. The background features majestic, snow-capped mountains under a blue sky with wispy clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and picturesque.

Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ

A person stands on the edge of a rocky cliff, looking out over a vast, mountainous landscape. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, but a bright, golden light source, likely the sun, is breaking through the clouds, creating a dramatic silhouette of the person and illuminating the scene with rays of light. The overall mood is one of resilience and determination.

**WILL YOU
STAND STRONG
WHEN IT'S HARD TO
STAND?**



28 I tell you, **among those born of women none is greater than John.**

Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

– Luke 7:28 (ESV)

**John preached a
message of
repentance when
it was hard!**





He Stood Before the Religious Elite

Luke 3:7 – 9



He Stood Before the Morally Corrupt

Luke 3:10 – 14



He Stood Before Governing Authority

Luke 3:19 – 20; Luke 9:7 – 9



He Stood in Prison

What Made John Able to Stand?



- He Knew His Calling (Luke 1:14 – 17)
- He Knew His Role Was Temporary (John 3:30)

We Must

STAND!



WILL YOU
STAND?

