


A photograph of a lighthouse on a rocky island, surrounded by crashing waves. The lighthouse is a dark, cylindrical structure with a balcony and a person standing on it. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# Standing Firm in the Face of Condemnation

THE POWER OF TRUTH IN  
OVERCOMING PERSECUTION






"Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching."

John 18:19

- ▶ When we share our faith, the enemy wants to see us trip up and deny our faith or try and get us to retract what we say. As we see Jesus is unwavering, he remains calm and simply responds with truth.






20 “I have spoken openly to the world,” Jesus replied. “I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.

John 18:20

- ▶ Jesus pointed out that He was transparent throughout His ministry.






21 Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely,  
they know what I said.”

John 18:21

- ▶ Jesus goes on to ask “why question me?” Jesus is pointing out and has set the example here for us to live a life where our faith and integrity can be upheld by the testimony of others.






“When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded.”

John 18:22

- ▶ Despite Jesus being physically assaulted, Jesus maintained grace and self control.





"If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?"

John 18:23

- ▶ Jesus wanted the officer to tell Him what He said, that was not the truth.