



**Title: “Act Like Men”**

**Text: 1 Cor 16:13-14**

**Date: 9/25/2022**

### **Message Recap**

This week’s message is specifically focused towards men. We think everyone needs to hear this: Men, Women, and Children. There have always been different views of manhood. So we asked, “What does it mean to be a man of God?” As you dive into your group discussion this week, try to better understand why Paul is building a short couple of lines to challenge the men in Corinth. He gives them a charge to live this way in the church and in their daily lives. There are five mandates given in these two verses.

**Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.**

**1 Corinthians 16:13-14 ESV**

With each one of these mandates comes a challenge that Paul was addressing to the church and, specifically, to men. It was an opportunity to call men to be who God created them to be.

- **“Be Watchful”**: You have a very real and present enemy. One that comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). Peter says you need to be alert and ready. (1 Peter 5:8)
- **“Stand firm in the faith”**: We don’t want to say, “I didn’t see it coming,” but, “I was ready and took a stand.” (Ephesians 6:13)
- **“Act like men”** - It’s a charge to step into the role. (1 Corinthians 13:11)
- **“Be strong”** - Mental, physical and spiritual strength are okay. (Joshua 1:9)
- **“Done in love”** - This is the most important part of each of these. This represents Jesus.

In the message Dave said, **“If you want to act like men. You have to act like Jesus.”** There is a calling on your life to step out and lead like Jesus. A calling to be bold enough to step up, speak up, share some hard truth, flip a table, walk on water, and sacrificially live your life as a man of God and have fun doing it.

### **Group Discussion:**

- **Connect:**
  - If you had a day to spend with no responsibilities, what would you do?
  - Who is stronger: “Hulk” or “Superman?”
- **Engage:**
  - How would you describe what this weekend’s sermon was about? (Reference Recap)
  - What resonated with you from this sermon? What challenged you?
  - Read through the different verses and discuss each of the 5 mandates.
- **Apply:**
  - We all need to process where we are most susceptible to an attack? Dave asked a key question: Where are you susceptible to attack? Where are your wife, kids, husband, family, etc., susceptible to attack?
  - How could you help encourage these 5 mandates in others?
  - Be strong... What can you be doing this week to grow in your spiritual strength?
  - Beast Feast — Join us for our First Annual Beast Feast. There will be tons of wild game & smoked meats, some incredible giveaways, contests, fishing, archery, and a message to inspire men in their faith.

**End Your Group Time in Prayer**