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What would you stand up for?

Where do you draw the line?

John the Baptist. John knew that truth and morality mattered. He knew that sin was a big deal and that it is not something to take lightly. And ultimately he knew to stand in the truth, to confront evil.

Likewise, Saint Agatha who's memorial we celebrate today. Agatha had committed herself to Jesus Christ and took a vow of virginity. While one man who desired to marry her essentially resorted to having her tortured, ultimately the torture ending with her martyrdom. If you have time, I recommend reading about her life.

So what is my point?

What we do here in this church matters.

Our Catholic faith is important, necessary, and essential. The Sacraments are a source of life, prayer is needed.

Unfortunately, I think the mindset of just being a good person, just being nice and kind, has taken the primary moral hold in society. But we know as Christians that God calls us to more. God wants all of us. God wants our whole being.

But God is calling us to much more. God is calling us to be saints, to being heroic, to being virtuous. This starts in the day to day.

Are we willing to proclaim truth to friends and family, speaking the difficult word? Will we pray in public? Stand up for the innocent and vulnerable?

What about taking a stand during temptation: rejecting the devil telling us sin is no big deal. Do we avoid the temptation of the crowd that tells us to just accept immoral policies and that nothing you do will make a difference anyways?

John the Baptist and Agatha knew what was important. They knew service to God was a great and beautiful demand. They knew where to draw the line, take a stand, and confront evil.

So the question is how much will we give God?