



The Daniel Dilemma

Living a Stand-up Life in a Bow-down World

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1. Standing up for God

- Standing for God takes courage
- Standing for God takes faith
- Standing for God inspires others

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. ³ So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it. ⁴ Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: ⁵ As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace." ⁷ Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. **Daniel 3:1-7 NIV**

2. How are we standing up for God?

- Stand in prayer
- Stand for my purpose
- Stand for God

¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil... ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground... **Eph. 6:11, 13-14 NLT**

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. **1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV**

"Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. **Matthew 10:32 MSG**

Next Steps:

- Commit to stand up for God in my life: _____
- Ask God to show me where I am "bowing down" to idols in my life (pray every day this week)
- Trust God and be courageous to stand firm in my faith
- Read Daniel 3 this week
- _____