

STAND

Order of Service | April 2-3, 2016

Worship Team God Of Our Salvation
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“STAND OUT”

STAND WEEK 1 - Daniel 1

Daniel 1:3-16, 19-20

LEARNING HOW TO STAND

Week 1 STAND OUT (Daniel 1) How to Stand Out instead of blending in.

Week 2 STAND IN (Daniel 3) How to Stand In when facing opposition.

Week 3 STAND UP (Daniel 4) How to Stand Up when left alone.

Week 4 STAND STRONG (Daniel 6) How to Stand Strong when being torn down.

Week 5 STAND ON (Daniel 10) How to Stand On when there seems to be nothing left.

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah’s royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. “Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men,” he said. “Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon.” The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar.

*Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego. But Daniel was determined (He resolved in his heart) not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods. Now God had given the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel...("I've resolved, in my heart, not to eat this food that's been dedicated to the pagan gods.") Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. "Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water," Daniel said. "At the end of the ten days, see how we look compared to the other young men who are eating the king's food. Then make your decision in light of what you see." The attendant agreed to Daniel's suggestion and tested them for ten days. At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. So after that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the others. **Daniel 1:3-9, 11-16 (NLT)***

*The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom. **Dan. 1:19-20 (NLT)***

HOW TO STAND OUT INSTEAD OF BLENDING IN...

1. I must **PRE-DECIDE** who my life will be lived for.
2. I must be **RESPECTFUL** of others as I do.
3. I must **STAND** and **TRUST** God with the outcome.

Going deeper on your own. This week read Daniel Chapter 1 to begin each day. Pray and ask God, "what areas have I compromised on?" Ask God to grant you the wisdom and courage on what you should do when that situation arises again. Then, pre-decide what you will do the next time you are faced with that situation. Share what you are facing with someone you trust and ask them to hold you accountable. Ask God to give you the courage to **STAND** and **TRUST HIM** with the outcome. Read Daniel Chapter 3 before coming to church next week.