

STAND

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STAND STRONG

#Stand Daniel 6

How to Stand Strong when others are trying to tear us down...

Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests. Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. Daniel 6:1-3 (NLT)

1. I must be prepared when **God** raises me up; the **lost** will want to **tear me** down.

Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion." Daniel 6:4-5(NLT)

2. I must remember, when I **kneel** in **prayer** I will find strength to **STAND**.

*But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God. **Daniel 6:10 (NLT)***

*So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, “May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you.” **Daniel 6:16 (NLT)***

3. I must remember, when I **Stand Strong** I can **trust God** is going to move.

*Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions’ den. When he got there, he called out in anguish, “Daniel, servant of the living God! Was your God, whom you serve so faithfully, able to rescue you from the lions?” Daniel answered, “Long live the king! My God sent his angel to shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty.” The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him, for he had trusted in his God. **Daniel 6:19-23 (NLT)***

*Then King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world: “Peace and prosperity to you! “I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, and He will endure forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and His rule will never end. He rescues and saves His people; He performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.” **Daniel 6:25-26 (NLT)***

Going deeper on your own: Read through Daniel chapter 6 slowly and out loud and get a feel for the story. Now, read it again. Imagine if you were there who would you be in the story? Has there ever been a time when out of pride you made a decision that hurt someone else? Has there ever been a time when someone else tore you down? Why, what, or who were you really standing up for that brought on the difficulty? What is one thing you can do to ensure you are standing strong for the right thing, for the right reasons, and the right way?