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**WILL WE STAND STRONG FOR GOD PUBLICLY?
UNSHAKABLE: THRIVING IN THE TESTS OF LIFE
Daniel 5:29-6:2**

Why did Daniel continue to get promoted? Daniel 6:3-11

- His **competence** made him stand out. Dan. 6:3
- His **character** made him stand out. Dan. 6:4
- His willingness to go **public** with his commitment to God made him stand out. Dan. 6:5-11

Why he would speak up and stand up for God.

- He recalled God's **faithfulness** in the past. Dan. 1:8-21; 2:19-30; 3:19-30; 4:19-27; 5:13-31
- He **speaks** to God three times a day. Dan. 6:9-10; 1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1-8; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28
- He realized that the **rewards** were greater than any risk. Acts 4:18-21; 5:17-32

What are the benefits of standing for God? Dan. 6:19-28

- When we stand for God we have **victory** over fear. Acts 4:29; 2 Tim. 1:7; John 14:27; 16:33
- When we stand for God it will build our **faith** and character. Rom. 5:3-4; Phil. 1:6; Eph. 6:11, 13-14; 2 Tim. 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:12-13
- When we stand for God it **gives** opportunity for Him to do a miracle. Dan. 6:19-23; Acts 12:1-7; 16:19-31
- When we stand for God it will **encourage** other believers to stand. Phil. 1:14; Josh. 24:14-15; Dan. 1:8
- When we stand for God it is a **powerful** witness to unbelievers. Acts 4:13; Dan. 6:25-28
- When we stand for God we know we will be **rewarded** in eternity. Matt. 5:11-12; 25:21, 23