

STAND UP

TWO CONFRONTATIONAL EXTREMES

1) SOME ARE UNWILLING TO CONFRONT

2) SOME CONFRONT UNLOVINGLY

Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth. You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules.

—Daniel 4:22, 25-26

“King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right. Break from your wicked past and be merciful to the poor. Perhaps then you will continue to prosper.”

—Daniel 4:25-27 NLT

PRAYERFUL CONFRONTATION

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly

help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

—Galatians 6:1 NLT

1) GOD, HELP ME CONFRONT WITH THE GOAL OF RESTORATION

...gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. Galatians 6:1 NLT

2) GOD, HELP ME CONFRONT WITH CAUTION

...And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

—Galatians 6:1 NLT

34 At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

—Daniel 4:34

PERSONAL REFLECTION

- Which of the two confrontational extremes do you find yourself most often taking?
- Share a time when you confronted another person. How did you do it and what resulted from it?
- Who do you need confront? How will you prayerfully confront them?