

STAND STRONG

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, 2 with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

—Daniel 6:1-3

THREE TRUTHS TO HELP YOU STAND STRONG

1) WHEN GOD RAISES YOU UP, EXPECT PEOPLE TO TEAR YOU DOWN.

At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

—Daniel 6:4-5

2) KNEELING TO PRAY IS WHAT GIVES YOU THE STRENGTH TO STAND.

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

—Daniel 6:10

3) WHEN YOU DO WHAT'S RIGHT, YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD WITH THE RESULTS.

My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.” The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

—Daniel 6:22-23

PERSONAL REFLECTION

- Where in your life do you need to stand strong?

- How have you seen the power of prayer give you the strength to stand strong?

- What steps will you take this week to stand strong?