

The Daniel Dilemma

A Stand Up Guy in a Fall Down World

Sermon Notes

How do we become a "Stand Up" Guy/Gal in a "Fall Down" World?

Your Stand Up Ability is determined by Your Character Quality.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Daniel 6:4 (ESV) Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.

Daniel was unaccusable in his character, and over-accusable in his faith!

A Faith that is Tested is a Faith that can be Trusted

3 Keys to "Stand Up" Character:

- Consistency
- Courage
- No Compromise

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- **2)** Read Daniel 6:1-4. What kind of reputation do you have in your workplace/school or among your friends/family? If your co-workers attempted to dig up dirt on your life and work, what would they find?
- 3) Have you ever been raised up by God, only to be torn down by others? How did you respond? Have you seen this happen to others? Explain.
- 4) At the end of his life, Daniel discovered this powerful truth: "A faith that is tested is a faith that can be trusted." Have you discovered this for yourself? How so?
- 5) Of the Three Keys to Stand Up Character (Consistency, Courage, No Compromise), which one can you grow in this week? How will you put it into practice?