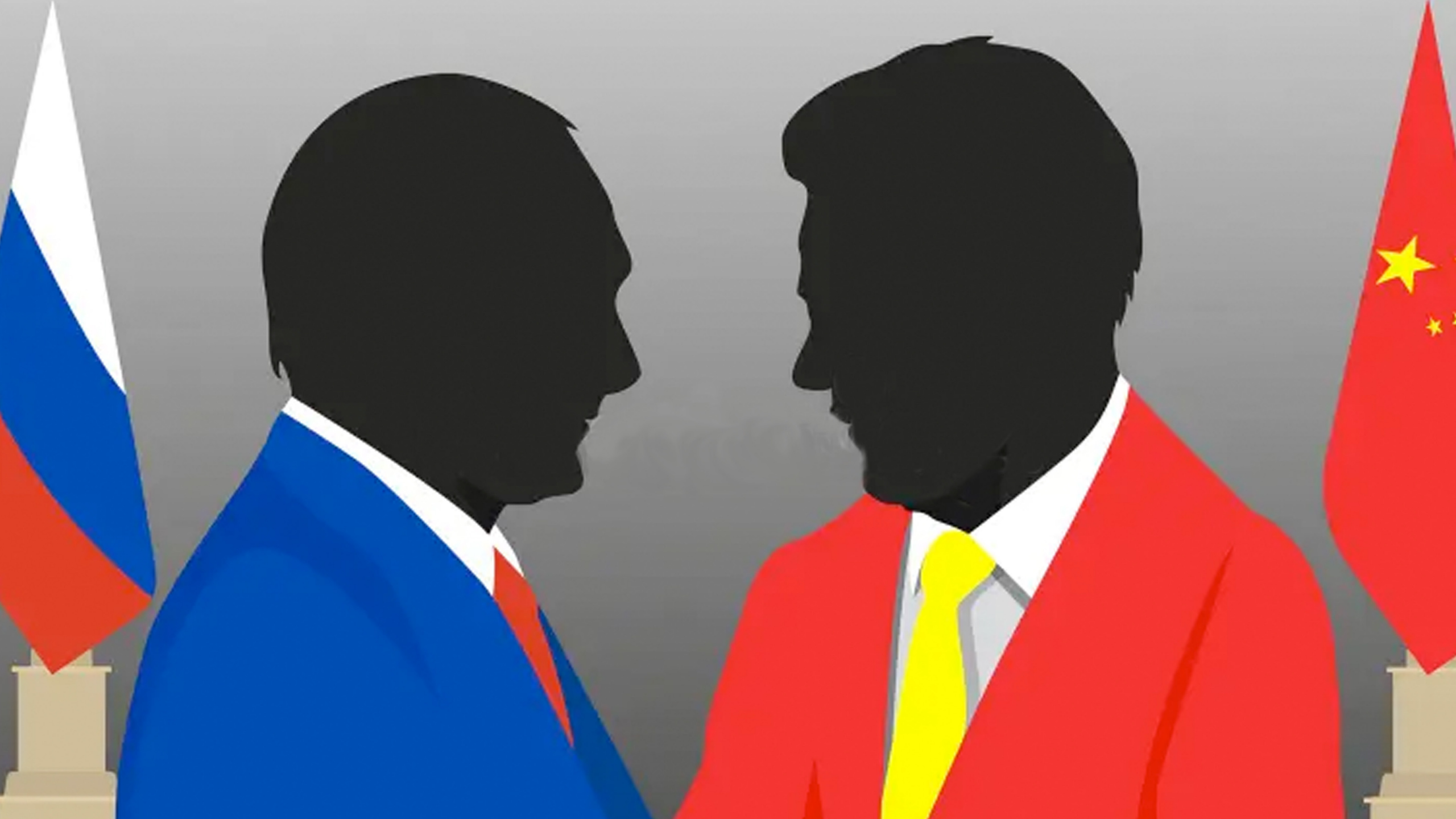


**PART  
01**

# **POWERFUL PEOPLE**









**Tom Stoltman**  
**Current 2x**  
**World**  
**Strongman**  
**Champion**

**Bernard Arnault,  
Currently the  
Richest Man in  
the World**





**Pope Francis,  
Most  
Powerful  
Religious  
Leader in the  
World**



The Most Powerful People in Bible were **Ordinary People** God Used to Do **Powerful Things**

“During the third year of King Jehoiakim’s reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. **2** The Lord gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah and permitted him to take some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God. So Nebuchadnezzar took them back to the land of Babylonia and placed them in the treasure-house of his god. **3** Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of

**Daniel 1:1-6 (NLT)**



Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. **4** **'Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men,'** he said. **'Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment,** and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon.' **5** The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be

**Daniel 1:1-6 (NLT)**

trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service. **6 Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah** were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah.”

**Daniel 1:1-6 (NLT)**

**Daniel is wonderful  
example of someone  
who was sustained  
and protected by  
God's power...**



**POWERFUL  
PEOPLE**

**1. He Was a Person of PRAYER**

**Proverbs 24:10 (NLT)** — “If you fail under pressure,  
your strength is too small.”

**Daniel 6:3-5 (NLT)** - “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. **4** 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. **5** So they concluded, ‘Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion.’”



**Daniel was  
Faithful,  
Responsible,  
and Trustworthy**

**Other Leaders  
were Jealous of  
Daniel and  
Conspired  
Against Him**







# Daniel Distinguished Himself:

- Willing to “go the extra mile”
- Always put God first
- Had a distinct character:
  - In His **WORK**
  - In His **LIFESTYLE**
  - In His **WORSHIP**

**God Commands Our Destiny, Not Us**



**John 15:18 (NLT)** — “If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first.”



**The World Today is Anti-God, Bible, & Christian**



**Choose to Be Like Daniel...**

**Daniel 6:5 (NLT)** — “So they concluded, ‘Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion.’”

**Regulated  
Prayer is  
Nothing New**



“So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, ‘Long live King Darius! **7** We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days **any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions.** **8** And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so it cannot be changed,

**Daniel 6:6-9 (NLT)**



an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be  
revoked.’ 9 So King Darius signed the law.”

**Daniel 6:6-9 (NLT)**



**The Officials Needed to Deceive the King**

**Daniel 6:10 (NLT)** — “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 Had 3 Choices That Day:

1. **Choose NOT to pray.**
- 2.
- 3.



# Daniel Had 3 Choices That Day:

1. Choose NOT to pray.
2. **Pray in SECRET.**
- 3.



# Daniel Had 3 Choices That Day:

1. Choose NOT to pray.
2. Pray in SECRET.
3. **Trust God.**



**Daniel Chose to Go Home and Pray!**



**POWERFUL  
PEOPLE**

2. He Gave EXAMPLES of Prayer





# What Prayer is All About:

1. Position of Prayer: **HUMILITY**
  - Didn't rush through prayer
  - He knelt down



# What Prayer is All About:

1. Position of Prayer: **HUMILITY**
2. Practice of Prayer: **PERSISTENCE**
  - Prayed 3 x's



# What Prayer is All About:

1. Position of Prayer: **HUMILITY**
2. Practice of Prayer: **PERSISTENCE**
3. Posture of Prayer: **THANKFULNESS**
  - He “gave thanks”
  - He remained faithful and praised God in the middle of it all



# What Prayer is All About:

1. Position of Prayer: **HUMILITY**
2. Practice of Prayer: **PERSISTENCE**
3. Posture of Prayer: **THANKFULNESS**
4. Pattern of Prayer: **CUSTOMARY**
  - “Just as he always had done.”

**Jude 20–21 (NLT)** — “But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, **pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, 21** and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God’s love.”

**Daniel 6:13 (NLT)** — “Then they told the king, ‘That man Daniel, one of the captives from Judah, is ignoring you and your law. He still prays to his God three times a day.’”

**Daniel 6:16 (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 6:17–20 (NLT)** — “A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed the stone with his own royal seal and the seals of his nobles, so that no one could rescue Daniel. **18 Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night fasting.** He refused his usual entertainment and couldn’t sleep at all that night. **19** Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions’ den. **20** 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?’”





**King Darius  
Called Down to  
Daniel**

**Daniel 6:21–23 (NLT)** — “Daniel answered, ‘Long live the king! **22** 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.’ **23** 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.”

**To Be Powerful We  
Need to Be People  
of Prayer**



**POWERFUL  
PEOPLE**

