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Stand in Faith

I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people. <u>Only I, Daniel, saw this vision</u>. The men with me saw nothing, but they were suddenly terrified and ran away to hide. So I was left there all alone to see this amazing vision.

-Daniel 10:5-8 (NLT)

My strength left me, my face grew deathly pale, and I felt very weak. Then I heard the man speak, and when I heard the sound of his voice, I fainted and lay there with my face to the ground.

-Daniel 10:8-9 (NLT)

THREE TRUTHS TO HELP US STAND IN FAITH

1. GOD ______ ABOUT YOU MORE THAN YOU DO.

Just then a hand touched me and <u>lifted me</u>, still trembling, to my hands and knees. And the man said to me, "Daniel, <u>you are very precious to God</u>, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you. <u>Stand up</u>, for I have been sent to you." When he said this to me, I stood up, still trembling.

-Daniel 10:10-11 (NLT)

2. GOD IS ______ MORE THAN YOU UNDERSTAND.

Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, <u>your request has been heard in</u> <u>heaven</u>. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.

-Daniel 10:12-13 (NLT)

3. GOD'S ______ IS MADE PERFECT IN YOUR WEAKNESS.

How can someone like me, your servant, talk to you, my lord? <u>My strength is gone</u>, and I can hardly breathe." Then the one who looked like a man touched me again, and I felt my strength returning. "Don't be afraid," he said, "for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!"

-Daniel 10:17-19 (NLT)