

STAND 4 SHELBY

Stand Strong

Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests. 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.

-Daniel 6:1-3 (NLT)

THREE TRUTHS TO HELP YOU STAND STRONG

1. WHEN YOU _____ UP, EXPECT PEOPLE TO _____ YOU DOWN.

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. So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion."

-Daniel 6:4-5 (NLT)

2. KNEELING TO _____ IS WHAT GIVES YOU THE STRENGTH TO _____.

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 (NIV)

3. WHEN YOU DO WHAT'S _____, YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD WITH THE _____.

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?" Daniel answered, "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." 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.

-Daniel 6:20-23 (NLT)