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**Stand Firm, Be Strong, Never Quit, Thrive On - Part 8
Standing Strong for God in an Ungodly World**

Daniel 6:1-28

Daniel stood out because of his...

1. _____.
Daniel 6:3 (NIV) 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.
2. _____.
Daniel 6:4 (NIV) They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.
3. _____ **to God.**
Daniel 6:5 (NIV) 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's response to this difficult situation

Daniel 6:10 (NIV) 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.

1. He _____ **God's faithfulness in the past.**
Daniel 5:22 (NIV)
2. He _____ **to God about it.**
Daniel 6:10 (NIV)
3. He understood the _____ were greater than the _____.

Standing strong for God in and ungodly world...

Philippians 2:15-16 (CEV) ...You live among people who are crooked and evil, but you must not do anything they can say is wrong. Try to shine as lights among the people of this world, as you hold firmly to the message that gives life...

1. **Builds my _____ and _____.**
2 Timothy 1:8 (CEV) Don't be ashamed to speak for our Lord... Use the power that comes from God and join with me in suffering for telling the good news.
1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)
2. **Gives God an _____ to work.**
Daniel 6:19-23 (NIV) At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! 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.
3. **Encourages other believers in their _____.**
Philippians 1:14 (NIV) And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.
4. **Is a _____ witness to _____.**
Daniel 6:25-26 (NIV) Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: "May you prosper greatly!
"I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end."
5. **Brings me _____.**
Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV) Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.