



As we look at Daniel 6, the commitment we're considering is: "I Will Stand for God by Kneeling." Today, once again, we see a transition in Babylonian leadership. Last week, in chapter 5, we learned that Nebuchadnezzar is no longer in charge. Belshazzar assumes the throne for a relatively short reign but is dead by the end of the same chapter. Now a new king, Darius, is in charge, and he's just as foolish and egocentric as his two predecessors. Nevertheless, Daniel remains faithful to God – as steady as a rock.

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 6

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most?
2. Read Daniel 6:1-5. What stands out about Daniel's rise through the ranks of power and influence in Babylon? Is there a model for us to follow or temptations to avoid when it comes to our career path?
3. Read Daniel 6:6-9. It's incredible what people will do when you puff up their egos a little. Why is this the case? How does this get a lot of people into trouble? Have you ever tried to puff up someone's ego for your advantage?
4. Read Daniel 6:10. Daniel chose to stand for God by kneeling before Him in prayer – despite Darius's injunction. What do Daniel's actions reveal about his relationship with God? Was his faith dictated by the trials he faced? What does it mean to have a relationship with God dictated by trials?
5. Read Galatians 1:10. How do we see this verse play out in Daniel's life? When are you most susceptible to being a "people pleaser" like Darius rather than a "God pleaser" like Daniel? What can we learn from Daniel's life when it comes to remaining faithful to God despite the opposition we will face?
6. Read Daniel 6:25-29. These words came as a result of experiencing God's power at work. What about these verses should lead us to praise God? How can we live with this view of God each day? How would this propel us to remain faithful as we experience various trials?
7. What's one personal takeaway you can focus on applying in your life this week?
8. Before we wrap up today, take a few minutes to read Ephesians 3:14-21 and pray for each other. Ask God to strengthen us as we commit to "Stand for God by Kneeling" before Him.