



Uncompromising - A study of the book of Daniel

Part 1: Stand Out

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Key Scripture

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:11-18

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Daniel 1:8

"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. Daniel 1:12-15

Start talking: Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What are some of the ways you've seen people blend into the world?
- What do you need to overcome that will enable you to fully stand out for God?
- Share a time when you stood out for God in the right way. What resulted from your taking a stand?

Start Thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- With your Bible or Bible App, read and discuss Daniel 1:1-21 and Ephesians 6:11-13.
- What do you think is most difficult about standing out for God and not blending in?

Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- What's one way you're being lured to blend into today's world?
- "I'd rather be remembered for standing out than forgotten for blending in." How does that statement make you feel?
- What are some examples of standing out for God in the wrong way you've observed?

Start Praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the reminder that as your followers, we can stand out because the light of Jesus lives in us and gives us the ability to be different. I pray that this week you would open our eyes to see ways that we can stand out from others and to point others to the love of Jesus. Thank you for your incredible love for each of us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Start Doing Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

- What step will you take this week to stand out for God in the right way?
- Take steps to stand out for God in the right way by reading and talking over the following Bible passages
- this week.
 - Day 1: Daniel 1:1-21
 - Day 2: Ephesians 6:10-20
 - Day 3: Romans 12:1-2
 - Day 4: 1 John 2:15-17
 - Day 5: Galatians 5:16-26
 - Day 6: Matthew 6:19-24
 - Day 7: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20