

Uncompromising - A study of the book of Daniel

Part 2: Stand Up

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Key Scripture

²⁴ "This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: ²⁵ You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. ²⁶ The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷ Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue." Daniel 4:22-27

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Galatians 6:1

At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. Daniel 4:34

Start talking: Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Which of the two confrontational extremes (passive or aggressive do you find yourself most often taking?
- Share a time when you confronted another person. How did you do it and what resulted from it?
- What obstacles might be standing in your way of taking a more prayerful approach when confronting others?

Start Thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- With your Bible or Bible App, read and discuss Daniel 4:22-27 and Galatians 6:1.
- Share a time when someone confronted you. How did they confront you, and did the way they confront you help or hurt you?

Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- When we confront, we're vulnerable to pride, and could see ourselves above others. Have you ever experienced this truth? If so, how?
- What's one situation you're dealing with that you're having to trust God for the results?

Start Praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

Heavenly Father, thank you that you have set an example in the way you lovingly and gently point us back to the Truth of your Word. Thank you that it is your kindness that leads us to repentance. This week, help us to model your kindness, grace, and truth in our conversations and interactions with others. Thank you that we can look to you as our example and that you will provide the words we need in every situation. In Jesus' powerful name, Amen.

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

- Take steps to confront others in a prayerful way by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.
 - Day 1: Daniel 4:1-18Day 2: Daniel 4:19-27

- O Day 3: Daniel 4:28-37
- O Day 4: Galatians 6:1-10
- O Day 5: Matthew 18:15-20
- O Day 6: Philippians 2:1-4