



Uncompromising - A study of the book of Daniel

Part 4: Stand in Faith

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Key Scripture and Ideas

⁵ I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

⁷ I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. ⁹ Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

¹⁰ A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹ He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

¹² Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. ¹³ But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."

¹⁵ While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. ¹⁶ Then one who looked like a man^[a] touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing before me, "I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I feel very weak. ¹⁷ How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe."

¹⁸ Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. ¹⁹ "Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong."

When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength." Daniel 10:5-19.

"Sometimes God has something just for you that others wouldn't understand."

"The strongest of men cannot bear the weight of the glory of God."

Three things to remember when standing in faith:

1) God cares about you more than you do.

"You are very precious to god. Not only does god love you, he likes you."

2) God is doing more than you understand.

"Since the first time you prayed, god heard the cry of your heart!"

3) God's strength is made perfect in your weakness.

"Until you understand your weakness, you won't appreciate God's strength."

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's your prayer life like right now? Hit-and-miss? Thriving? Non-existent?
- How would life be different if you were confident that God cares about you?
- Talk about a time you prayed for something and God answered your prayer.
- Talk about a time you prayed hard for something, but you felt it wasn't answered the way you wanted it.
- Share a time when you saw God's glory and faithfulness.

Start Thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- What's a personal weakness you have that God has used to show His strength?
- What are you currently praying and believing God for?

Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Tell about a time when your faith was tested. How did you get through it? How did God show up in that situation?
- Do you really believe God truly cares about you? Why or why not?
- Tell about a time when you were in a weak place in your life and you needed to call on God. Why did you go to God instead of trying to get through it on your own?

Start Praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

Heavenly Father, thank you that we don't have to live life alone. Thank you for the way you walk with us through each day. Thank you that through the Holy Spirit, we can be filled with faith to encounter anything ahead of us this week. Thank you for the gift of prayer and the invitation to talk with you about anything throughout the day. Continue to remind us of your peace and presence. In Jesus' powerful name, Amen.

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

- What are you going to pray about this week?
- How might your prayers be different from before?
- What can we pray about this week as a group?
- How could our group hold each other accountable to improving our prayer lives?
- Take the next step to go through deliverance. Ask Pastor Jared or Pastor Karleen about getting an application for deliverance.