

## Stand Series: Stand in Faith

<sup>1</sup> In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision. <sup>2</sup>At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. <sup>3</sup>I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over. <sup>4</sup>On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, <sup>5</sup>I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. <sup>9</sup>Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground. <sup>10</sup>A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. <sup>16</sup>Then one who looked like a man 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. <sup>17</sup>How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe." <sup>18</sup>Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. <sup>19</sup>"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: 1-19 (NIV)**

## Things to learn from Daniel

- If you earnestly seek God you will \_\_\_\_\_  
"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)
- God believes you are \_\_\_\_\_  
"How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!" Psalm 36:7 (NIV)
- God always \_\_\_\_\_ your prayers  
"As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given" Daniel 9:23 (NIV)
- God's answers to your prayers are sometimes \_\_\_\_\_  
"I waited patiently for the Lord, he turned to me and heard my cry" Psalm 40:1 (NIV)
- God is always doing more than you \_\_\_\_\_  
"God's voice thunders in marvellous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding." Job 37:5 (NIV)
- God tells you not to \_\_\_\_\_  
"Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged" Joshua 8:1 (NIV)
- God gives you \_\_\_\_\_  
"... my peace I give you .." John 14:27 (NIV)
- God gives you words of \_\_\_\_\_  
"Be strong and courageous" Joshua 10:25 (NIV)
- God speaks (breathes) strength onto your \_\_\_\_\_  
"... for my power is made perfect in weakness ..." 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)  
"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength" Is 40:31 (NIV)