

"Show me a person who has fallen away from their walk with the Lord, and I will show you a person who started making compromises in his or her life long ago."

Greg Laurie



Belteshazzar









#1

Their Problem



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v1-7
new place



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Daniel 1:1-2

3. Greet others by spitting, Maasai



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While spitting is considered rude in many cultures, in the [Kenyan Maasai tribe](#) it is the customary way of greeting and showing respect. Members of the tribe will **spit into their hands before shaking them**, and they also do this to newborn babies or even a bride to bless them and bring them good luck.

7. Arrive late, Venezuela

REST OF THE WORLD



VENEZUELA





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Whether you're attending an event, a meeting, or a party in [Venezuela](#), it's common for people to **arrive later than originally planned**. Venezuelans enjoy a relaxed pace when it comes to business, and for big social events arriving late simply means making a big entrance.




11. Throwing your furniture out of the window, South Africa

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They took the phrase "out with the old" literally! In some parts of South Africa they throw old furniture out the window. [#NewYear](#) [#Traditions](#) [#SouthAfrica](#) [#2018](#)



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On New Year's Eve many countries celebrate with fireworks, while in [South Africa](#) a different kind of tradition has persisted since the end of apartheid. To ring in the new year, people **throw their furniture out the window** and into the streets below. This tradition is monitored by police forces to make sure nobody gets hurt.

14. Don't use your left hand, Middle East



In a number of [Middle Eastern countries](#), greeting someone or eating with one's **left hand can be considered rude and unsanitary**. Since the left hand is used to clean oneself after going to the bathroom, it's seen as the dirty hand is never used at the dinner table or to greet friends.



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Daniel 1:1-2



THE HANGING GARDENS

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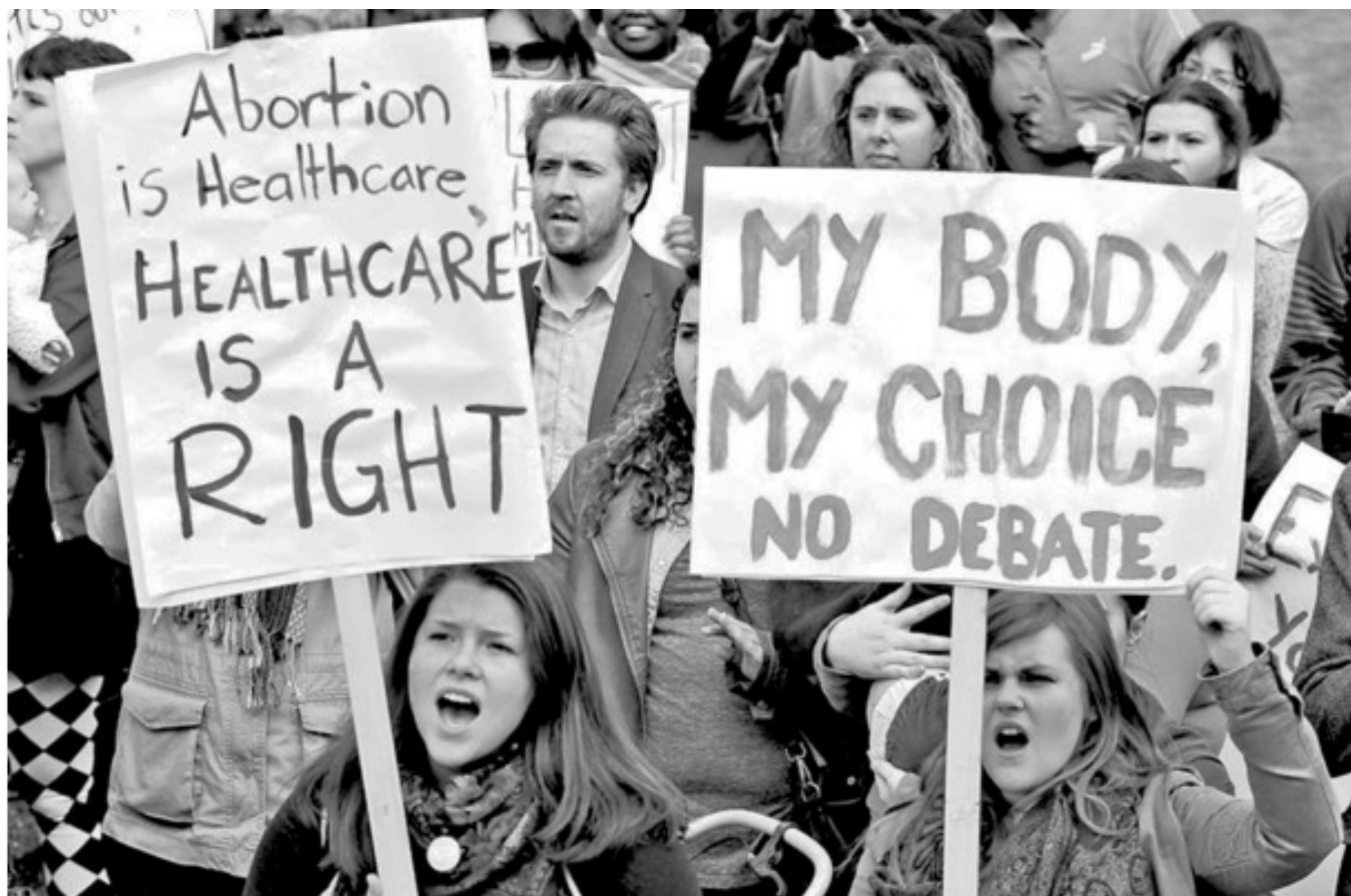


Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility,

youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and **to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.**

Daniel 1:3-4

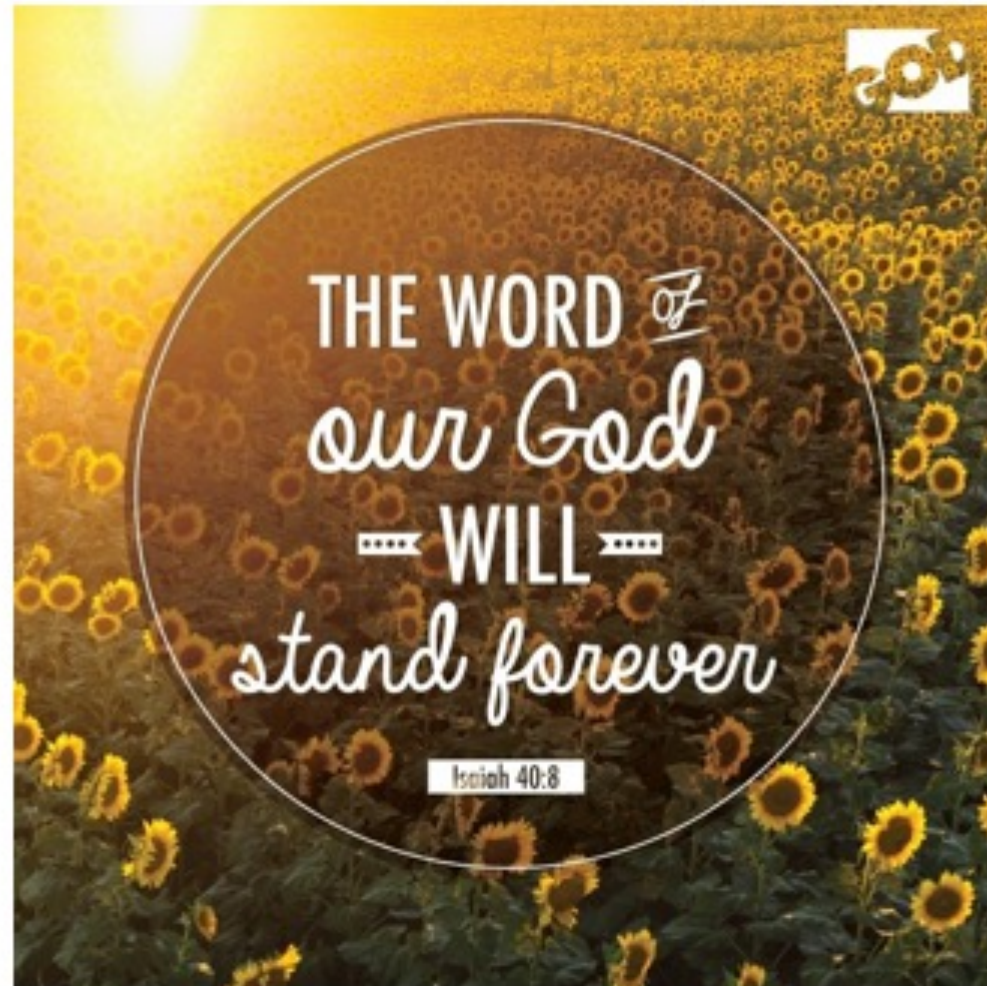








PREMARITAL SEX



THE WORD *of*
our God

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stand forever

Isiah 40:8

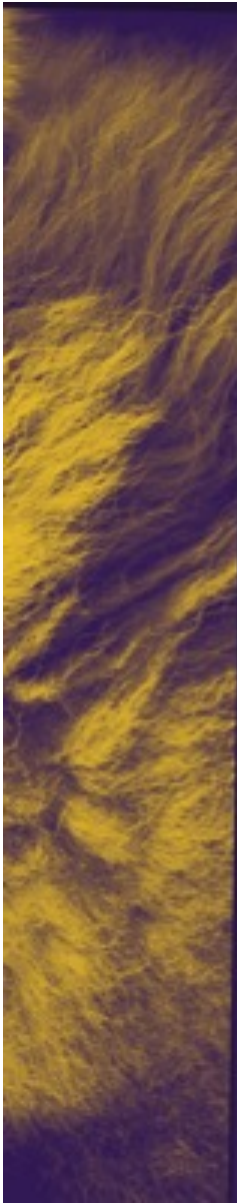
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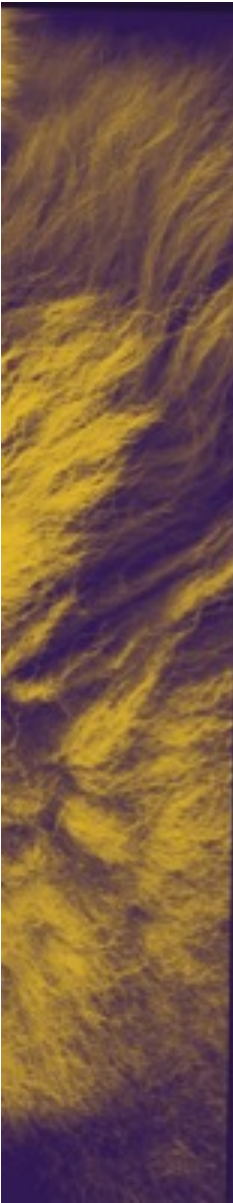
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Daniel 1:5-7



You must worship no other gods, for the Lord,
whose very name is Jealous,
is a God who is jealous about his relationship
with you.



“You must not make a treaty of any kind with
the people living in the land. They lust after their
gods, **offering sacrifices to them. They will invite
you to join them in their sacrificial meals, and
you will go with them.**”

Exodus 34:14-15







love island

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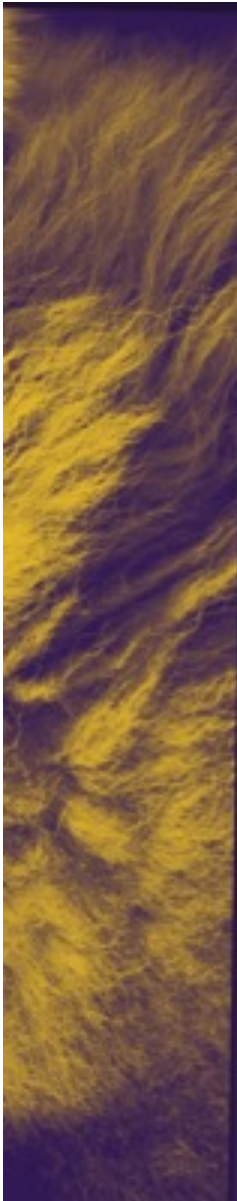
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Belteshazza means "Bel protect the King"

Shadrach means "Command of Aku"

Meshach means "Who is as Aku is"

Abednego means "Servant of Nebo"

You see, as we journey through life,
there are going to be constant attempts by the enemy and
the world to get us to let down our guards,
to conform and give in to the world's standards,
and to do things we know to be wrong.









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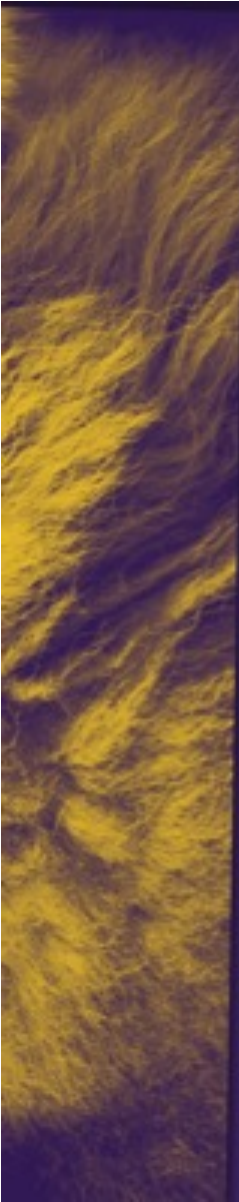
Their Purpose

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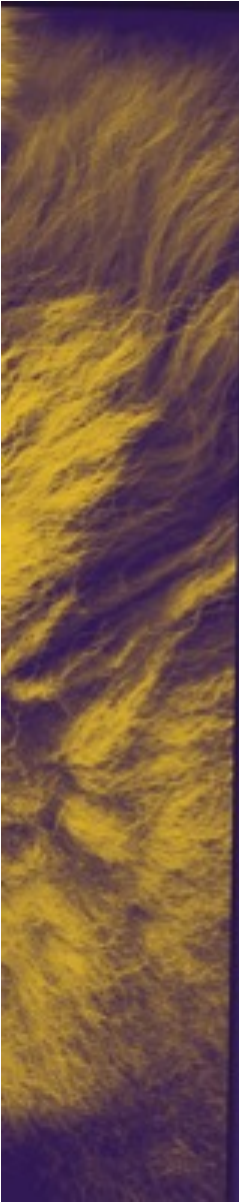


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Daniel 1:8

“Well, everyone is doing it”

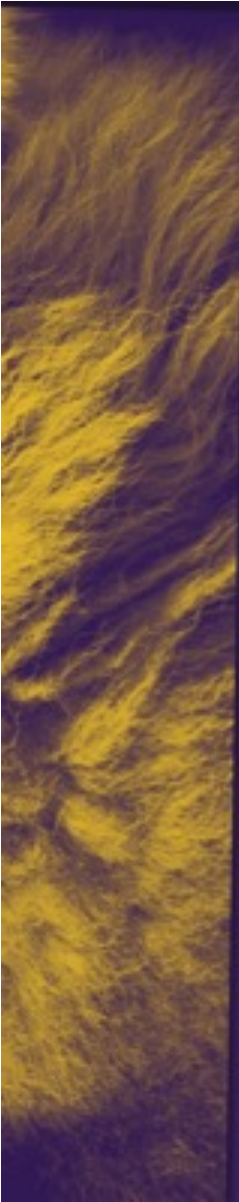


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**“We will obey the king outwardly,
but we will just keep our faith to ourselves.”**

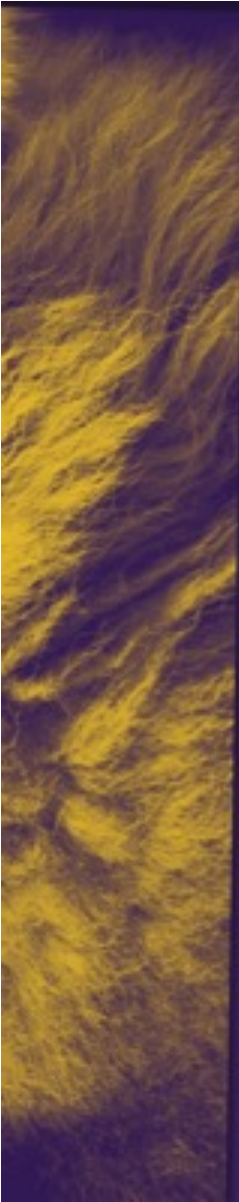


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**“We are already in the world,
what difference does it make.”**

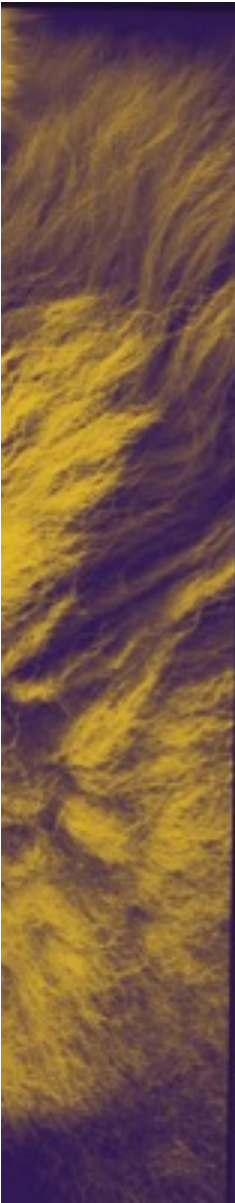


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Daniel 1:8

**“Well, I am forced to.
I have no other choice”**



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Daniel 1:8

“God will understand right, it is only food.”



"I'm just doing what the other ones are doing"



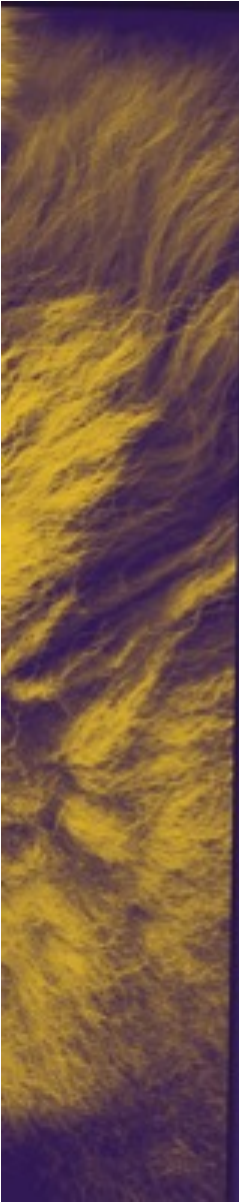
**NARROW
MINDED**

You can always find an excuse
when you don't want to do right.



You cannot corrupt a man from the outside.
You can change a culture but not a character.





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Daniel 1:8

And God gave Daniel favor and compassion
in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs,



and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel,
“I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food
and your drink; for why should he see that you
were in worse condition than the youths who are
of your own age?
So you would endanger my head with the king.”

Daniel 1:9-10

Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,



**“Test your servants for ten days;
let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink.**

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Daniel 1:14-16

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Daniel 1:14-16

You generally don't experience blessing
until you stand up for what you believe in.
God honors those who honors Him!



When your heart truly belongs to God, you can go anywhere and face any situation and you will be okay. You can even live in Babylon and do just fine because your body is in Babylon but your heart is in heaven.







Daniel 6







“I believe that one reason why the church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church.”

Charles Spurgeon



#2

Their Purpose

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#3

Their Promotion

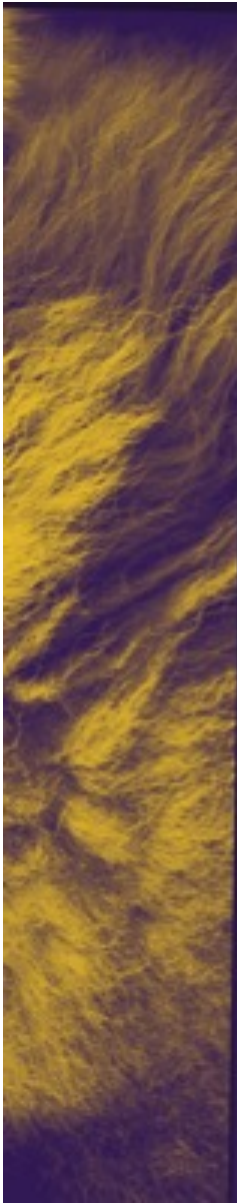
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Our call is to be faithful,
knowing that in the end,
whether on earth or in heaven,
no one will ever regret standing up for Jesus!





As for these four youths,
God gave them learning and skill
in all literature and wisdom,
and Daniel had understanding
in all visions and dreams.



At the end of the time,
when the king had commanded that they
should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs
brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 1:17-18



And the king spoke with them,
and among all of them none
was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael,
and Azariah.

Therefore they stood before the king.

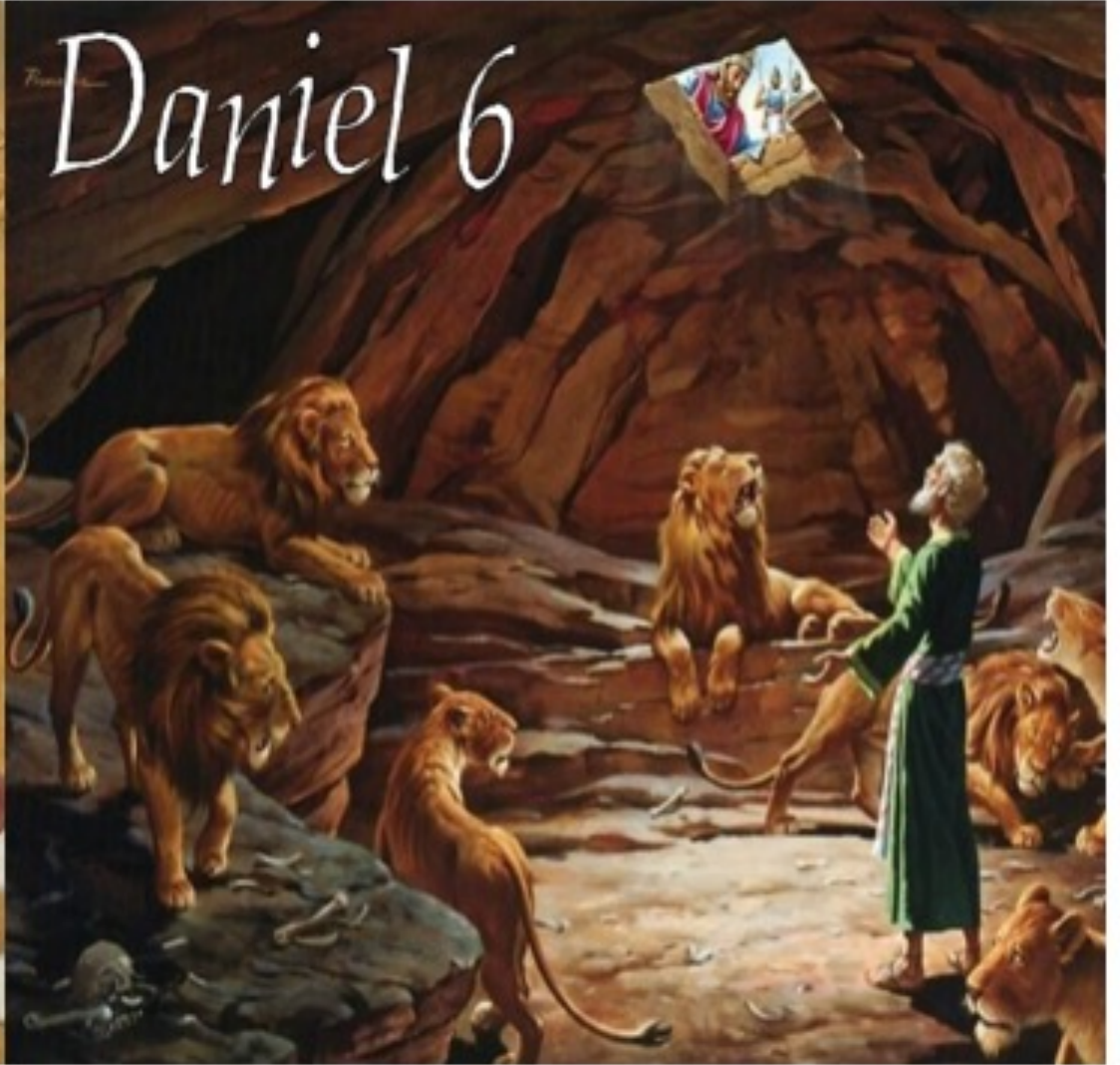
And in every matter of wisdom and
understanding about which the king inquired of
them, **he found them ten times better than all the
magicians and enchanters that were in all his
kingdom.**

Daniel 1:19-20



And Daniel was there until the first year of King
Cyrus.

Daniel 1:21





COMPROMISE

“Be careful little eyes what you see
It's the second glance that ties your hands
As darkness pulls the strings
Be careful little feet where you go
For it's the little feet behind you that are sure to
follow”

Slow Fade (Casting Crown)



“Be careful little ears what you hear
When flattering leads to compromises,
the end is always near
Be careful little lips what you say
For empty words and promises
leave broken hearts astray.”

Slow Fade (Casting Crown)



“It's a slow fade when you give yourself away
It's a slow fade when black and white are turned to gray
And thoughts invade, choices are made, a price will be paid
When you give yourself away
People never crumble in a day
It's a slow fade, it's a slow fade”

Slow Fade (Casting Crown)



A sequoia tree, in
Sequoia National Park,
California.





“When we lose our wonder,
we are prone to wander.”

John Piper



I will say no to _____
because I am saying YES to JESUS



