

DANIEL 2:1-8

A Dream Come True or a
Nightmare About to Happen?



KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR

Historically known to be an unstable man

A cruel leader

A demanding individual

The dream was so disturbing he called together all the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers' astrologers.

INTERPRET THE DREAM!



THEY FAIL - DANIEL 2:10-13

The astrologers answered the king, “There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans.” This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. So, the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.

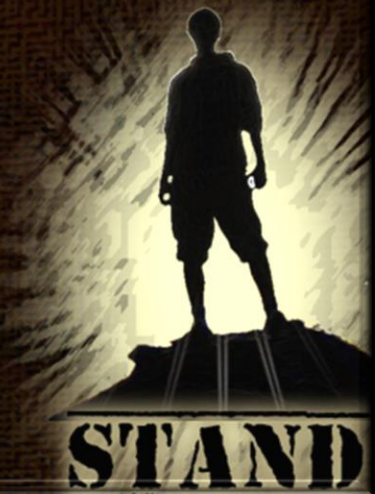


STAND HUMBLE

What is Humble?

- Not proud or haughty: not arrogant or assertive
- Reflecting, expressing, or offered in a spirit of deference or submission.

The word is mentioned in the Bible **73** times
and humility **15** times



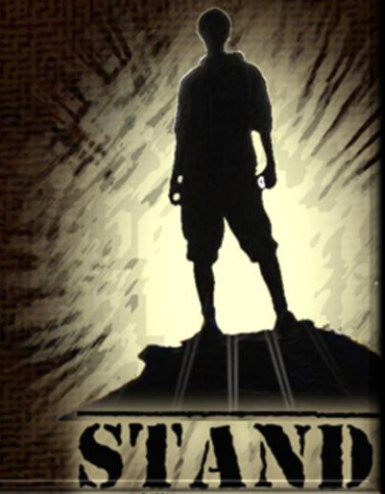
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Jesus Preached – Luke 14:11

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Jesus Lived – Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.



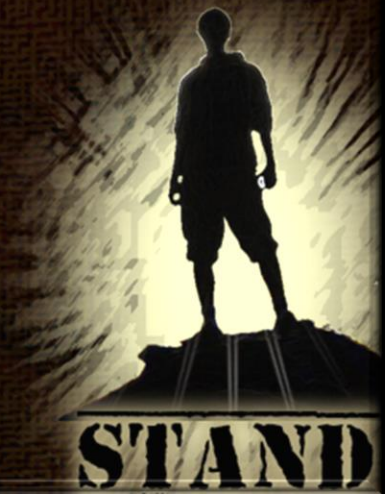
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Humble does not make you a **doormat**

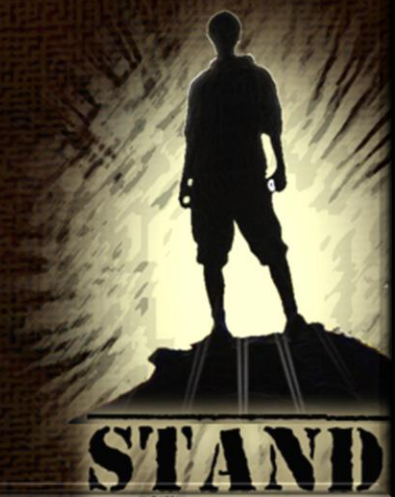
Humble does not mean you're a **punching bag**

It does not mean you **sit in silence.**

A humble approach means **submit to authority,** not **surrender your values**



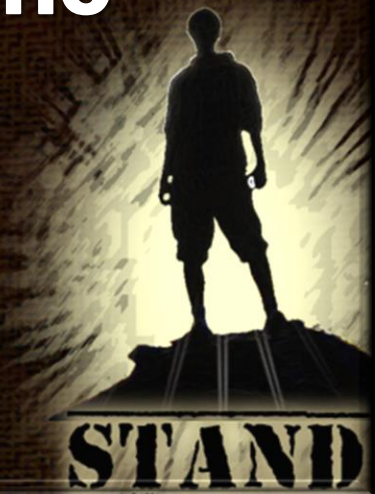
A HUMBLE APPROACH



MEEKNESS

The Humble Conversation (v. 14-15)

When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel.



MEEKNESS

The Humble Conversation (v. 14-15)

Daniel meets his arrester

He did not debate with him about justice

He did not try to cut a deal with him to escape

Both words connect to maintaining a good relationship

Humble speech connects both saying the right thing in a manner people will listen to you



A HUMBLE APPROACH

The Humble Confrontation (v. 16)

At this, Daniel went into the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

Humble people are not **fearful of conflict**

Humble people are not **“Know it All’s.”**

Humble people value the notion of **research and return** because they value **truth** more than **opinion**



A HUMBLE APPROACH

A Humble Prayer (v. 17-18)

Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

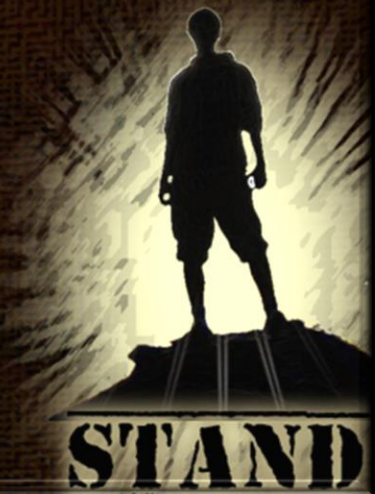


THEY PRAYED!

If we as a church don't humble ourselves and pray more then we will **NEVER** impact this world for Christ

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:10



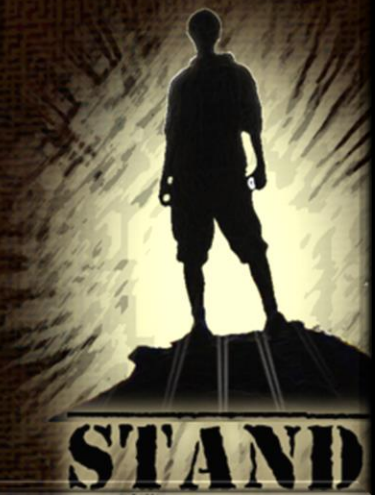
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A Humble Praise (v. 19)

During the night, the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven

Before Daniel gave the answer to the King of Babylon, he stopped and praise the King of All

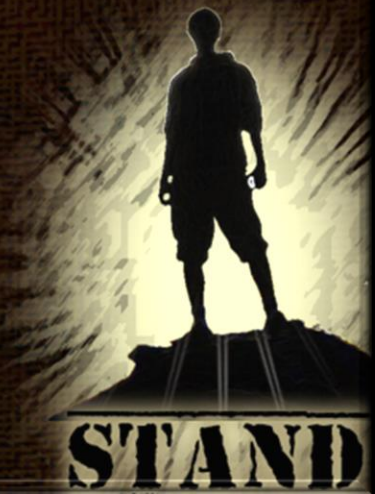
When God answers a humble heart always takes time to say Thanks



A HUMBLE APPROACH

A Humble Interpretation (v. 27-28)

Daniel replied, “No wise man, enchanter, magician, or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you were lying in bed are these....



A HUMBLE APPROACH

A Humble Interpretation (v. 27-28)

He reveals the dream came from God

The answer must also come from God

He then proceeds to tell the king his dream and give him his interpretation

Daniel takes zero credit for the answer

Instead, he took the moment to introduce the king to God



A HUMBLE APPROACH

A Humbled Advisory (v. 46-47)

Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. The king said to Daniel, “Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.”



A HUMBLE APPROACH

Changing Your World through Humility

Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

Daniel 2:48-49



A HUMBLE APPROACH

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:5

Daniel did not inherit the world, but his humility gave it massive influence

The king made him rich although Daniel did not seek riches

The king gave him power in the world





**STANDING HUMBLE
MEANS LIVING POWERFUL**