



Daniel
4:10-17

**A Nightmarish Dream
Come True**

ANOTHER DREAM

Like in Chapter 2 King Nebuchadnezzar is haunted by a dream

Daniel (Belteshazzar) will eventually interpret it

Unlike the other chapters, this one is written from the perspective of the king

It is sort of a sad moment as the king will be driven out of his mind

It will become Daniel's responsibility to deliver the message



**PLAYING
WITH
TRUTH**



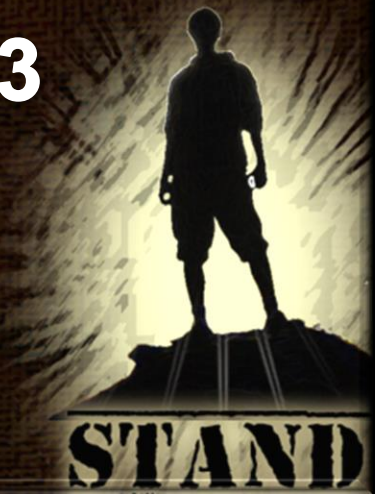
TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES



A GREETING OF PRAISE

King Nebuchadnezzar, To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly! It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:1-3



THE TRUTH EQUATION

Remember this is being written on the backside of the event

Thus, even though what he went through was a horrible experience he can now see God at work

Truth often can only be valued in retrospect

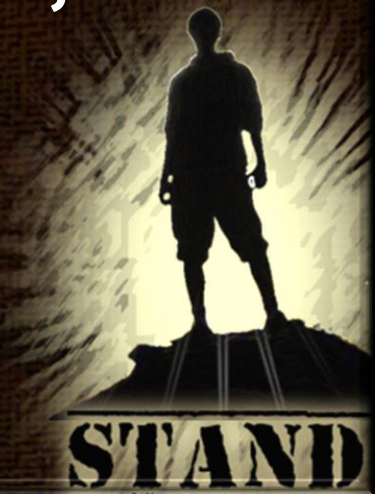
King Nebuchadnezzar is coming out of one of these valleys and it has given him some perspective on life



THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me. So, I commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be brought before me to interpret the dream for me. When the magicians, enchanters, astrologers, and diviners came, I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me. Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream.

Daniel 4:4-8



THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH

He has another vision

The vision **TERRIFIES** him!

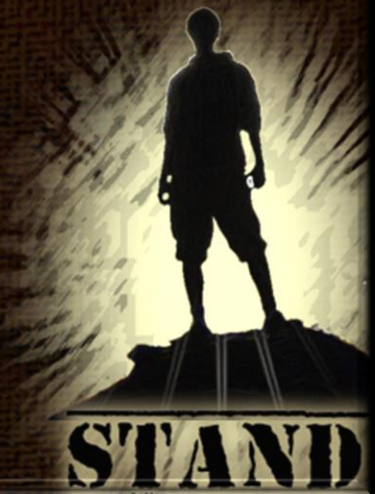
We have seen him troubled

We have seen him furious



HE IS AFRAID!

Truth tends to do that do you



THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH

He calls on the world to provide truth

No truth could be found

**It never says he called for Daniel,
but he shows up to hear the king's
dream**



A TRUTHFUL RESPONSE

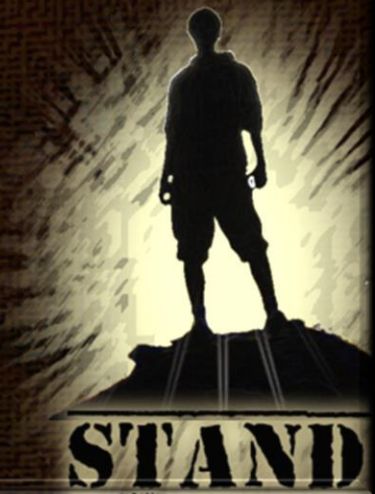
Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly **perplexed** for a time, and his thoughts **terrified** him. So, the king said, “Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you.”

Daniel 4:19

This is a good thought because often we think truth is obvious

Not so Daniel had to give it some thought

In the end God revealed the answer to Daniel



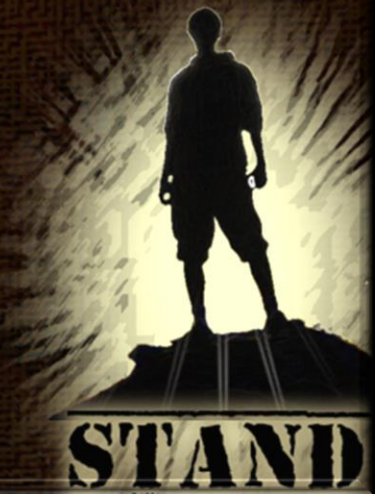
THE TERRIFYING TRUTH

It is the same word used to describe the King's response

The king's terror comes from **absence of truth**,
Daniel is afraid because of the **reality of truth**

RELATIONSHIP

Truth often places stress on relationships



THE TRUTH REVEALED

King God will drive you
from the throne

He will take your sanity

And even take your humanity

Before this is over you will acknowledge
God for who he is

You will be restored

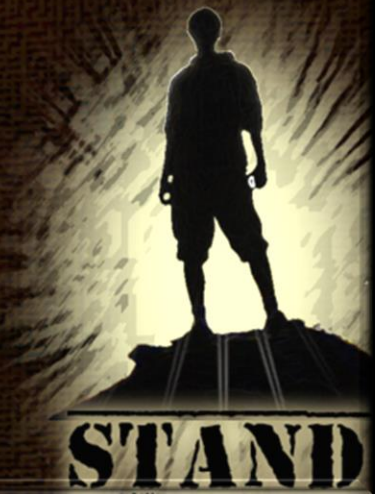


STAND

THE TRUTH REVEALED

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 4:27



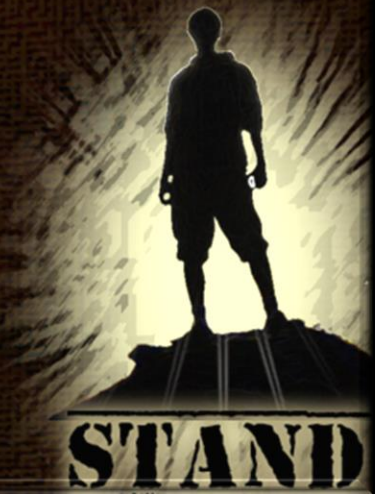
EMBRACING TRUTH

Daniel urges the king to repent, and call of God for mercy (**Teshuvah**)

He does tell the king no guarantees the dream will change

But God has spoken and if you do not repent this will come to pass

Inevitable Truth (v. 29-33)



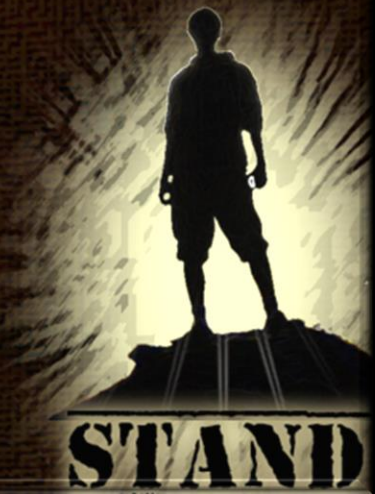
EMBRACING TRUTH

You work hard to develop a relationship

You show them you care

**When the crisis comes you offer them sound
Biblical advice**

And they go their own way



**TRUTH CAN BE
TOLD**

**BUT YOU CANNOT FORCE IT
TO BE**

ACCEPTED



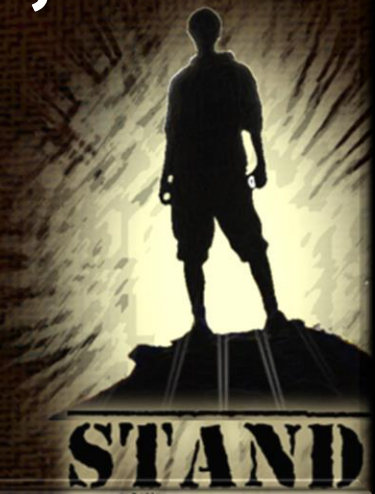
SOMEDAY

By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

Isaiah 45:23

It is written: “‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

Romans 4:11



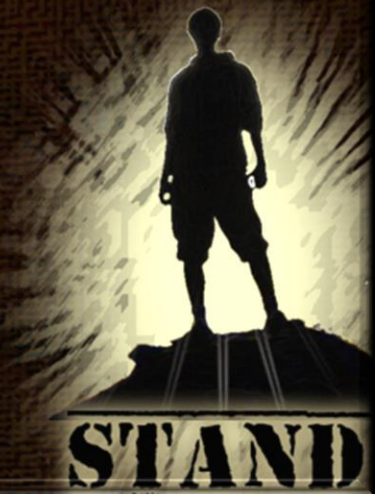
GRACE & MERCY

Even in his arrogance

God offered

a restoration plan

(v. 34-37)





**WHERE DO YOU
STAND WITH TRUTH?**