**Daniel 10. STAND IN FAITH!**

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*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.* ***2****At that time I, Daniel,* ***mourned for three weeks****.****3****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.* Daniel 10:1-3

***4****On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris,****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.* Daniel 10:4-6

***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****.* Daniel 10:7-9

**THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN STANDING IN FAITH**

**#1) God Knows & CARES About Your Situation.**

***10A 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.* Daniel 10:10-11

[See Matthew 11:28,1 Peter 5:7, Philippians 4:6]

Daniel 4:10-12

Romans 5:6-8

**#2) God-Is-Working BEHIND The Scenes.**

***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.* Daniel 10:12-13

[See Eph 6:12]

***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 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.* Daniel 10:14-16

**#3) God’s STRENGTH Is Made Perfect In Our Weakness.**

***17****How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord?* ***My strength is gone*** *and I can hardly breathe.” When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.”* Daniel 10:17

[See 2 Corinthians 12:8-10]

***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 10:18-19

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