



## WORD

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. <sup>16</sup>At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him. DANIEL 1: 8,9

## WHAT

All the wise men of Babylon were in danger of being executed because no one could interpret King Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Daniel eventually stepped in and stood in the gap between Nebuchadnezzar and all the wise men of Babylon. He asked for more time so he could explain the dream. Through a vision, God revealed it to Daniel and a generation of wise men in Babylon was saved. What lessons can we draw from this story and how can we apply it today?

### 1 Standing for your generation involves courage and prayer.

<sup>16</sup>At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him. <sup>17</sup>Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. <sup>18</sup>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. DANIEL 2:16-18

Daniel had the courage to go to King Nebuchadnezzar and speak to him. Being a prayerful man himself, Daniel also encouraged his friends to pray and ask God for the interpretation of the king's dream. Like Daniel, we too must be courageous for God and His purposes. We need to pray together with our friends, with people in our church, with family, and not just on our own. How would you describe your current prayer life?

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### 2 Standing for your generation needs you to have a clear calling and revelation from God.

*Without revelation people run wild, but one who listens to instruction will be happy.* PROVERBS 29:18, HCSB

Interpreting the king's dream was God's clear calling for Daniel at that time and he was able to recognize it because he had a relationship with God and he is familiar with His voice. God's revelation about Himself and His plans primarily comes from His Word. What do you think is God calling you to do for your generation? How will you become keen to His revelation?

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### 3 Daniel's story pictures Jesus Who stood and fought for the past, present, and future generations.

<sup>9</sup>He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 TIMOTHY 1:9,10

Unlike Daniel who saved only a generation of wise men, Jesus stood and fought for all peoples, tribes, and nations in past, present, and future generations. He rescued us from death and redeemed us by His finished work on the cross. With Jesus Christ in our lives, we can now become messengers of the gospel to this present generation. How can you practically stand for your generation today?

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