

TAKE THE STAND

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Take steps to confront others in a prayerful way by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

Day 1: Daniel 3:1-8

Day 2: Daniel 3:9-15

Day 3: Daniel 3:16-21

Day 4: Daniel 3:22-30

Day 5: John 16:31-33

Day 6: 1 Peter 1:6-9

Day 7: Hebrews 11:1-40

God's People Stand Firm

How to use this DG material: Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Pastor Jon's main idea: **A FAITH THAT IS TESTED IS A FAITH THAT CAN BE TRUSTED.**

Key Questions:

- Have you had a bad day recently? How can something as ordinary as a bad day challenge your faith?
- What was something that tested your faith this week? It can be anything from serious to silly—just share a bit about what you've been facing since we last met.
- What hard times are you in the middle of right now? Include ones you've just walked out of or ones you'll walk into soon.
- Life or death religious persecution is happening in many parts of the world. What kinds of lower-risk, everyday pressures or persecution have you faced before? How did you handle it?
- 1 Peter 1:7 says that when your faith stays strong in trials, it honors God and helps reveal Jesus to the world. How have you seen that in someone's life? How has someone else's faith revealed Jesus to you?
- Would you ask God to test your faith? Why or why not?
- What would have happened if Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would have bowed or compromised their faith?

Next Steps:

- Is there a trial you need to take a firm stand in? What specifically will you do differently from before?
- Is there something you know God wants you to do that you need to obey?

Pray for one another.

- Share your biggest trials these days and pray for one another.
- *Update each other on the family you are reaching.*
- Pray for our Pastor Jon as he plans his sabbatical next year.