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Unshakable Leader Guide Session 7: Will You Stand Strong for God Publicly?

Leader Note:

Last week we talked about committing to a lifetime of learning. How have you decided to apply that in your life? What goals have you set for yourself?

This week we're going to see how we can develop an unshakeable faith that empowers us to stand up for God, even against opposition.

Key Verse: "So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News." **2 Timothy 1:8 NLT**

WHY WAS DANIEL UNAFRAID TO STAND OUT AND SPEAK UP FOR GOD PUBLICLY?

1. He remembers that God was _____ in past tests.
2. He had a _____ three times a day.
3. He knew the _____ were greater than the _____.

6 WAYS I BENEFIT EVERYTIME I STAND FOR GOD

1. It's a victory _____.

F – False
E – Evidence
A - Appearing
R – Real

Acts 4:29

2. It builds my _____ and _____.

COURAGE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR.

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COURAGE IS DOING THE RIGHT THING IN SPITE OF YOUR FEAR

2 Timothy 1:8

3. **It gives God a chance to** _____.

Daniel 6:19-23

4. **It encourages** _____ **to stand up.**

Philippians 1:14

5. **It's a powerful example to** _____.

Daniel 6:25-28

6. **I will be** _____.

Matthew 5:11-12

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Rick taught that Fear = False Evidence Appearing Real. Talk about a time when you found that to be true. Looking back, how would you face that fear now? What does that insight teach you about how to face fear in the future?
2. Talk about a time that prayer helped you boldly and confidently handle something you were fearful about.
3. Standing up for God can be a powerful example for believers and unbelievers alike. When have you seen a fellow believer stand up for what he or she believed? What was the result of that person's courage? How did that public stand for God impact you?
4. Daniel's strength and courage came from his daily conversations with God. How does having a daily, intentional prayer time help you grow closer to God? When and why do you find it so difficult to pray, even though you know it is important?