



STANDING UP ON OUR KNEES

PROVERBS 24:10-12; DANIEL 6

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1. Prayer is God's most powerful _____ against rebellious cultural initiatives.

When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. Daniel 6:10-11

2. Prayer might lead you to places where God can _____ display His power.

Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" Daniel 6:16

3. Prayer has the power to _____ people and policies that previously stood opposed to God.

"I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions." Daniel 6:26-27

Standing up on our knees like Daniel

CONFESS any _____ or role you've played in the problem.

"... we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules." Daniel 9:5

ASK God to give people insight into His _____ truth.

"As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the Lord our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth." Daniel 9:13

PLEAD with God to give people the _____ to obey His law.

"... and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets." Daniel 9:10

BEG God to have _____ on us as individuals and as a country.

"O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy." Daniel 9:18

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith ... 1 Peter 5:8-9a

HOME GROUP LESSON

1. Read Daniel chapter 6. At the time these events took place, Daniel was an elderly man living as a captive deported to a culture that was not his own. What about the way he faced cultural issues is particularly striking to you, considering his situation?

2. Very soon after Daniel asked God for help, God allowed Daniel to be put in the lion's den. Does this encourage or discourage you? Why? What does this tell you about the character of God and how He answers prayer?

3. In verse 10, Daniel "prayed and gave thanks before his God." Why is it important that the Scriptures specifically note that he gave thanks? What instruction does this provide you?

4. What "lions" do you fear when it comes to engaging in cultural issues?

5. As we mature in our faith, we develop a sense of how we should interact with cultural issues. How have you turned a blind eye to issues before, and how has the Holy Spirit shown you a different way?

6. Use the box at the bottom of the sermon notes as a template to pray for the issues that grip our culture.

On prayer

"One of the most wonderful mysteries in the universe is that prayer changes things. God has so arranged His world that we have the ability to make significant choices, some good and some bad, which affect the course of history. One means God has given us to do this is prayer—asking Him to act. Because He is all-wise and all-powerful, knowing 'the end from the beginning' (Is. 46:10), He's able to weave our requests into His eternally good purposes."

MELVIN TINKER

"God has devised prayer as a means of enlisting us as participants in the work He has ordained, as part of the outworking of His sovereign rulership over all ... The relationship between divine sovereignty and petitionary prayer can be stated by this word: *participation*."

BRUCE WARE

"These days it's not just that the line between right and wrong has been made unclear, today Christians are being asked by our culture today to erase the lines and move the fences, and if that were not bad enough, we are being asked to join in the celebration cry by those who have thrown off the restraints religion had imposed upon them. It is not just that they ask we accept, but they now demand of us to celebrate it too."

RAVI ZACHARIAS

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of The Source at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.cbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

THE CHRIST CHAPEL APP JUST GOT A HUGE UPDATE! More dynamic than ever before, the app's new homepage puts the latest sermons, events and live streams right at your fingertips. It's a fantastic (and super easy) way to stay in-the-know and up-to-date. Experience it for yourself by updating your Christ Chapel Bible Church App in the App Store or on Google Play.

TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP AND TEXT "CCBCSHARE" TO 555-888. If you've been at Christ Chapel for a while and have found a place to serve, then your next step is to figure out how God might be leading you to share the gospel. For a few ideas on how to start, text "CCBCShare" to 555-888. We'll send you information on upcoming opportunities for sharing the gospel here at home, in our local community and around the world.

TOPICS IN PARENTING CONFERENCE IS THIS SATURDAY, JAN. 26. Come spend the morning diving into topics that will help you reach the hearts of your children or grandchildren. The conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Oak Room, featuring talks on emotional health, kids and money, handling social media and video games, discipline, discipleship, home-schooling and more. See a complete list of topics and register (the cost is \$10 per person) at www.cbcfamily.org/tipconference.

HOME GROUP LEADER RALLY IS NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 27. Are you interested in leading a home group? We'd love for you to be a part of what God is doing through them! Trust us - you don't have to have all the answers or the perfect home to lead a group. Come to the leader rally next Sunday, Jan. 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Oak Room and let us tell you more. Questions? Email Hailee at HaileeS@christchapelbc.org.

SIGN UP FOR "I'M NOT ANGRY, I'M JUST ..." Do you ever find yourself saying, "I'm not angry, I'm just ..."? The presence of anger in our lives can be deceptive, but all-too real. And when it's not dealt with, it becomes destructive too. Join us for two weeks beginning Thursday, Jan. 31 to learn what the Bible prescribes for the troublesome emotion of anger. The class will meet at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall East. Sign up in advance at www.cbcfamily.org/events.

LET'S SERVE OUR SCHOOLS! There are lots of opportunities to make a difference in the life of a child or teacher this year. You can mentor or help a student improve their reading, be a friend to a teacher and more — email Cathy at CathyS@christchapelbc.org to get involved.

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Prayer Journal

FIRST THINGS FIRST:

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"Stand up on your knees like Daniel" each day this week as you consider the following:

- What specific cultural issue has God pointed out to me?
- How have the sermon and study prompted me to respond?