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<sup>1</sup> Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. <sup>2</sup> The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests. <sup>3</sup> Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. **Daniel 6:1-3 (NLT)**

### Three Truths to Help You Stand Strong

1. When \_\_\_\_\_ raises you up, expect \_\_\_\_\_ to tear you down.

<sup>4</sup> Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. <sup>5</sup> So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion."

**Daniel 6:4-5 (NLT)**

2. Time with God in \_\_\_\_\_ is what give you the strength to \_\_\_\_\_.

But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God. **Daniel 6:10 (NLT)**

3. When you do what's \_\_\_\_\_, you can always trust God with the \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty." <sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him, for he had trusted in his God. **Daniel 6:22-23 (NLT)**

### My next step today is to...

- Strengthen my prayer life so that it becomes my first response rather than my last.
- Do what is right, trusting God with the results.
- Memorize and/or meditate on Daniel 6:10
- Receive Jesus as my Savior and Lord so that I can stand strong in life.