

“Taking A Stand”

Daniel 3:16-18

INTRODUCTION:

An old man, a young boy, and a mule named Heine...

- I. EVERY PERSON NEEDS TO STAND FOR SOMETHING
 - A. Joshua said this to Israel (Joshua 24:15)
 - B. Elijah said this to Israel (1 Kings 18:21)
 - C. Our Lord Jesus said this to His early Church & to us (Revelation 3:15-16)
- II. TAKING A STAND CAN BE RISKY & BRING CONSEQUENCES
 - A. Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego learned this as they refused to obey King Nebuchadnessar, King of Babylon (Daniel 3)
 - B. God’s truth will stand no matter how aggressive evil may be [Note: Jesus crucifixion & resurrection]
 - C. It’s time for us to **take a stand** in this wishy-washy & evil world
 - D. Where in your life do you need to take a stand?
- III. WHEN SHADRACH, MESHACH & ABEDNEGO TOOK A STAND, THEY STOOD ALONE
 - A. The King had the power. But they had the truth (Daniel 3:16-17)
 - B. They knew that God is able...
 - C. When we **take a stand** we will also learn that God is able...
 - D. They learned that indeed, standing alone they were NOT alone but that our Lord was with them even in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:24-25)

CONCLUSION:

At the cross Jesus your Lord **took a stand** for you... and you never stand alone!

