

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

### DIGGING DEEPER (CONT.)

4. Much like Daniel has done before, in chapter 5, Daniel offers his service to the King again. Discuss the following questions about how Daniel interacts with Belshazzar.
  - A. Before Daniel interprets the writing on the wall, he offers an introduction. What is his central message? How did Daniel stand strong with his message?
  - B. What are the 3 points of Daniel's interpretation? In recalling the end of chapter 5 and Pastor Mark's message concerning chapter 6, how does Daniel's interpretation come to pass?
  - C. Why will Babylon fall? Consider Isaiah 47 in your answer. Finish the following sentence...Rebellion against God results in \_\_\_\_\_ by God. Talk about your answer.

### TAKING IT HOME

1. Consider certain fears in your life. Are you turning to false sources to find solutions or are you turning to God?
2. Is it easy for you to stand strong for God or not? What can you do to work on that?

## SUNDAY MAR. 19, 2017

**Series:** "Unshakeable" / The book of Daniel

**Message #7:** "Will you take a stand for God publicly?"

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Brunott

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### MESSAGE NOTES:

#### Courage-builders to stand up for your faith:

1. Remember how God has been **faithful** in the past.
2. Pray. Pray. Pray.
3. Remember that the **rewards** are greater than the risk.

#### Benefits to standing up for your faith:

1. You will experience victory over **fear**.
2. You **build** your faith and character.
3. You give God an opportunity to perform a **miracle**.
4. You **encourage** other believers to stand up for their faith.
5. You set a powerful **example** to unbelievers.
6. You will be **rewarded** in eternity.

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#### Action steps from today's sermon:

1. Pick one of the "courage-builders" and put it into action this week.
2. Choose one "benefit" to memorize and remember the next time you are challenged to stand up for your faith.

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### QUICK REVIEW

Standing for God can be hard. Based on what you heard from Pastor Mark's message, which of the six benefits of standing for God is the most motivating? Most worth remembering? Can you think of other benefits not mentioned by Mark?

### MY STORY

1. As a kid did you ever break something of value? Did you get caught? If so, what was your consequence?
  
2. Describe a moment in your life when you felt like "the writing is on the wall." What fears or insecurities did you experience as you anticipated the inevitable?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Daniel 5 before Life Group. Pastor Mark did not cover chapter 5 in his sermon, but this study will focus on the content of chapter 5 as a parallel to the sermon offered on 3/19/17.
  
2. In Daniel 5:1-4, how did Belshazzar and his dinner party dishonor God?
  - A. Recall Lev. 26:1; Deut. 5:1-11. What does idol worship communicate about one's belief in God, especially the king and those at the feast?
  
  - B. How is Belshazzar's posture toward God a potential contrast to Nebuchadnezzar?
  
3. Daniel 5 discusses the "writing on the wall" incident. Answer the following questions:
  - A. Why does Belshazzar react the way he does? And what does he turn to in order to relieve himself of his fear and questions?
  
  - B. How do people today turn to idols, false gods, and false teachers, to address their fears and concerns? Consider the following New Testament passages in your discussion: 1 Cor. 10:14; 1 John 5:21. What does Daniel teach us about God's supremacy over the "gods" of this world?