



# BRAVE

GOD-SIZED CONFIDENCE IN A  
POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

## TAKE NOTE-MOVE #6: SERVE WELL, STAND FIRM

### DISCUSS

1. When have you felt betrayed or accused unjustly of doing wrong? What do you think motivated the person who attacked or betrayed you?
2. Read Daniel 6. What can we conclude about Daniel's character from the results of this special investigation by his enemies (vs 4-5)? How would your life stand up under that scrutiny?
3. Daniel had three choices in response to the king's decree: (1) stop praying for 30 days, (2) pray secretly or (3) pray as usual. What are the consequences of each and why do you think Daniel made the choice he did?
4. How do verses 14-20 underscore the impact Daniel's life had on the king?
5. Christians are often conflicted about how they are to relate to secular government, unquestioned loyalty, protest it, or simply separate ourselves from it. How does Daniel's relationship with the government and the king help us understand the believer's proper posture toward the government?
6. We tend to think this story teaches us to be like Daniel, who is a great example. How do verses 25-27 help us to see that God was the hero of the story? How does King Darius describe the character of God?
7. How do decisions we make early in life directly influence those we make later? How does this truth motivate you to be more resolved to please God today?
8. How does present faithfulness prepare us to be faithful when trials come? Where do you need to focus more, to serve well or to stand firm?

### WORSHIP MOMENT

Discuss your thoughts from your SOAP Journal Exercise from last week, then read these verses from this hymn aloud and talk about what they mean to you. Spend time in prayer focusing on the truths in these verses and asking God to help you make the right moves.

*Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior, Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose...Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior, He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! "Low in the Grave He Lay" by Robert Lowry*

# SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE WEEK 6

*Read: Acts 5*

**S – Scripture** – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

**O – Observation** – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

**A – Application** – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

**P – Prayer** – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.