## **FEAR NOT!!! Stand and be Counted**

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Main Scriptures: Daniel 1:1-20; Daniel 3:1-18; Isaiah 43:1-3

Supportive Scriptures: John 15: 18 -25; Matthew 10: 16-22; Acts 17: 28; John 7: 37-38; Acts 4: 12; Luke

21:35

Notes:

We need a word from the Lord and we need direction from the Lord and so let's pray sincerely and ask him for his leading.

Jesus will take care of you!

I want for each of us just to open your mouth and confess with your mouth - My God is taking care of me!

God is being good to us and we magnify him in the midst of this confusion sweeping across the world. This is the time for the church to seize the opportunity to shine before men. It's a time of rejoicing. It's a stage that's set for the coming of the Lord when we shall see signs and wonders. When he shall separate the sheep from the goat.

Why am I so excited when others are troubled - God put something in me to encourage the hearts of others. I am not shaken because the Lord has placed something in my spirit and I will not shake.

I was talking with my wife and I told her with all the changes taking place I don't feel fear because the Lord has given me the ability to allow the desires and interest for the things of this world to die. Any desires I want of this world my mind is fixed on the return of the Lord and I am going on right on.

I have a word to encourage the hearts of the believers this morning. I want to encourage and remind the church of FDIM of an encounter with the Lord. December 31, 2019, we gathered together celebrated what we called our watch night service. I came to church that night and sat in that office before church and said to the Lord, I don't understand what you're doing I don't have a word for the people. Certainly, you can always open that book and speak from it but there is something to be said when God gives you something that must be shared. When God gives you a word for that moment and you must deliver that word. I closed the office door and said God I don't know what you're up to but I am going into the church. And just as I came through the door the Lord spoke to my spirit to tell the people to stay behind the cloud. And I said ok and I recalled the children of Israel coming out of Egypt. Stay behind the cloud. Brothers and sisters, those of us who were there may remember as we came to the last part of the service I said I got one word from the Lord. - Stay behind the cloud. There are times you can't say more than what he is saying. So we shared that statement told the church what God was instructing us to do and while I was speaking the Lord impressed on my heart prophetically and I didn't understand what I was saying but the Lord made it known to this church (His name be glorified) that a spirit of confusion not many days when we cross over into the new year. Governments running to and fro seeking a solution and none shall be found. In the midst of it - my people stay behind the cloud. January came and we started hearing the news on this virus and when we were in April our community was in lockdown. Nations were panicking and leaders panicking. Leaders cant come together. Churches and pastors and Bishops panicking but in this church, we have a word from the Lord and because we have a word from the Lord is watching us and our attitude and response and how we honor the word of God. It carried on for over a year until this very day the world is under siege by a spirit of confusion. Evil is on the rise but if we understand the sovereignty of God that he never loses control that everything thing that takes place on the earth is sanctioned by him then we look at the pandemic in a different light. Church, Stay behind the clouds. Don't try to reason out this pandemic. The lord says to us on December 31, 2019 - the confusion is coming and they don't have an answer for it. I know at this point I will make a statement and when I make this statement tongues and teeth will gnash - but the Lord told us that they will not have an answer for the confusion so I am settled in the word of God that there is no answer except God gives us an answer. If God told us there is no answer. When an answer is said it is his responsibility to give us the answer. God is intelligent and he honors his relationship with his people.

The nations of this world don't have an answer the WHO doesn't have an answer. I am not a medical doctor nor am I trained but I have a word from the Lord and not a man can shake me from what God gives me. There is no answer outside of Jesus. Neither am I a believer in the conspiracy theory I am not weird I believe in the word of God.

three days ago while I was making up I saw a vision Jehoiakim was spelled out before me and the Lord gave me a word to encourage his people.

## Daniel 1

Mr. Justin Troudoe and his colleagues and the opposition party, local municipal government - everyone is in the hands of the Lord. Everyone is under his authority.

The eternal God gave up the king of Judea and the vessels of the Lord to Nebuchadnezzar.

The world's desire is to take from what we call the cream of the crop - men and women of purpose - those who are chosen to indoctrinate them to become part of the system of the world.

In the book of Daniel, there are eight doctrines

- 1. The sovereignty of God
- 2. The sinfulness and rebellion of the human race
- 3. The reality of spiritual warfare and the power of prayer
- 4. The truth and accuracy of God holy word
- 5. The prediction of the rise of the antichrist and the forces of evil that will align themselves against Israel
- 6. The prediction of the great tribulation
- 7. Resurrection of the dead
- 8. The ultimate triumph of his kingdom over the kingdoms of this world.

The world is seeking an element of influence over God's people. This king wanted these men to eat and drink from the king's portion.

The world and its system is pressing harshly against the church - evil is on the rise. Leaders who are influenced by the powers of darkness and are not satisfied with the position of the church. With the church being different and ruled by the spirit of the living God. Here in the book of Daniel, these men were selected to be given meat and drink from the king's table that after three years they may position themselves to the king to see how they have changed to please the eyes of the king. But Daniel purposed in his heart. - Every believer must know what you're standing for. The day is gone when we can treat this

salvation carelessly and do as we want - the test is here the fire is burning and it will prove what's in your heart. It will prove whether you are for the Lord or not.

Daniel purposed in his heart that he will not defile himself - Let the world do what they want to do but the church will take a stand they must have a purpose for which they live. Every man must make up in his mind - what's my purpose in life. The acid test is on us it is upon us. Daniel said - let the king eat his portion but I will not defile myself I will stand and be counted.

There is always a way prepared for the believer - Now God brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

I want you to understand that there is purpose in your life and if God is standing with you He will give you what to say.

God in the midst of this - Daniel a man of purpose carried away into captivity but he remembered his God. Gone are the days when nations would besieged nations -0 the world has change they will keep you working and give you a lifestyle you like but you are told what to do and when to do it and you are sitting like lame ducks.

When the government of this land sign certain laws and enact them I want you to understand that God is still right there - the believer has something in him to challenge the times your living in. You did not get the holy ghost to sit quiet - God gave you the Holy ghost to challenge what's in the land. God help me to see.

God may be silent but he is there. Daniel challenged this man and God took note of what Daniel said and stood with him.

I remember one day a man came to Jamaica witnessing about another prophet and I saw these gentlemen riding around they stopped by my gate and I said to them this community belongs to me and where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty and I am not giving space to no foul doctrine in this community - They talked to me of Joseph Smith and that was the name of my grandfather and I told them he is dead and the only prophet is Jesus. I told them to pack up and leave don't bring any foul doctrine in this community. If I don't have the truth then I will have to leave town. The day came and they didn't show up and I heard my phone ring and they said they were called back to base so they are leaving town. And I say God bless you. But God allowed them to show me that they have no authority to talk to the church. I believe in the God that I have and took a stand.

God knows how to make a difference in the lives of the believers

This world has always intended to set up an image that the world should go after. It's not strange- history is repeating itself. This world is determined to become one against the name of God it's in the DNA of the world system. Its the agenda of the rulers and nations to design a system against the name of God. It happened in the land of Shinar with the tower of Babble so that they would not be flooded out. An answer and act of rebellion against the authority of God. Do you see your news feed the richest men racing to go to Space to discover planets in which they can begin to move forward in having life on another planet. it is the spirit of this world to escape the wrath of God. - It's not different so we have Ely monk, Jeff Basus, and all these people - it is the spirit of rebellion in the minds of these individuals. Nebuchadnezzar set up this image for all the rulers to be present at the dedication of this image. Don't you disbelieve that there

is not a counsel that is amongst the rulers? There is a counsel established as to the future of this world. The nations of this world are gathering against the Holy one.

It's coming - you better know who you're God is. When the world falls down the people of God will be exposed. You will be seen. You have to be prepared for what's next - the fancy preaching will not help. Your programs and meetings to meet your yearly targets will not help you. You need to be grounded and rooted in Jesus Christ. WE live in a time when the church has lost its identity the assemblies have become clubs and social gatherings but the horsemen are here. When the nations and all the different languages agree with the heads of government you will be exposed are you ready? When you are clearly seen as different are you ready? Don't you for a moment not believe that they are not searching out the response of the church.

The church is being watched and taken note of and they know that the church is not of this world. The consequence is that whoever did not worship this image would be cast in the midst of a fiery furnace.

The report has gone back to Nebuchadnezzar not bowing to the image and what did it cause - don't you see the man nebuchadnezzar see the spirit in the man. The one that has given his mind over to. God has allowed it. His heart is corrupt he has an evil agenda. The report is come back to him about the children of God taking a stand and he is filled with rage and fury - that will be the attitude and spirit of this world to apply the pressure to turn the heat up - are you ready for it?

You see Brothers and sisters they drew near to the Jews to accuse them - the world does not love the church

John 15: 18 -25

The world believes that power belongs to them. But there is only one that can say it is well - it belongs to God and not man. God determines what will be well with us. Man can issue their threats but Jesus Christ has the final say.

Kown what you live for - their response has everything to do with their lifestyle. - Sorry for those who skip church and I am not talking about those who work different shifts. Men who chose money over God you won't pass this test - Drop worldly desires and their lust and sign up with Jesus the test is coming and you won't pass it. These men (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) have a lifestyle of serving Jesus.

You don't have to worry about what you will say because of the stand you take the Holy Ghost will give you what to say.

The test is coming where you will see people in the assembly and God will reveal the spirit of men and they will give up others even unto death. They have a love for the world but they want to be in the church. If you love the world the Love of God is not in you.

Purpose to be different, Purpose to be on the Lord's side.

When the church takes a stand the anger of the world is increased.

The acid test is coming they are getting ready to put the chains and pressure on the church they are not using ordinary weapons they are using the best of the best to rise up against the church.

God has something to say to the mighty men - he doesn't have to touch you he will use what you use to destroy you.

God took me here across land and sea I have no name I am a voice crying in modern times to prepare the way of the Lord. I am crying out against leaders that are designing a system in rebellion against God because my God will have the final say because he is the king of kings His reign is from everlasting to everlasting. All power is given to him in heaven and earth.

God has something to say against those who stand against God's people.

When thou walkest through the fire though shall not be burned - it is time for the church to meditate on the fact that God is in control.

The apostolic church has watered down the doctrine of Jesus Christ and we make it a social club and we have men in the house so easily offended. If you talk the truth men will complain. But you will know the truth and the truth will make you free - give the truth of Jesus with grace because the truth comes to deliver you. Sign up with the Lord. Who is on the Lord's side?

The church has the ability to stand in the midst of the acid test and not be shaken. Mr. Tudeou with all respect I want you to understand he doesn't have the answer don't put your trust in the arms of flesh but look up to the one that formed you and its sovereign. His name is Jesus. The acid test is here.

Some are guilty because when we should have a stand we bowed. We did not take a stand. We don't teach it but when you are called a believer we must be prepared to die for what we believe. You shouldn't carry the gospel unless you are prepared to die. Ask him to take you to the place where you are prepared to die for this.

God is in control the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord. Every government gathering itself against God but he will anoint men to do what he wants them to do and the big picture is because he is gathering people out of every nation. When he has his number then he will have the final say the question is are you on the Lord's side?

You take a stand - the lord will move on your side to convict the heart of men.

There is a promotion that comes from God. You take a stand and God will promote you.

Can you imagine the test comes - they went into the fire but it couldn't consume them how about now are you prepared to make a difference or will you be crippled with fear. Some of you want to move but you haven't talked to God. I will not be shaken with the help of the Lord I am standing on the solid rock. If I have no job and everything is taken God will feed me like he fed Elijah. God has a way of taking care of his people. It is not your responsibility, it's God's responsibility to take care of you. He promises us that he will be with us even to the very end of the world. What does it matter if my life is taken from me? to Die is gain - to be absent in this body is to be present with Christ.

How about my ambition and future? - drop your plans and line up with God. Abram allowed God to plan for him, Lot planned for himself and the mercy of God had to drag him out of sodom and he ended up in insest. But Abraham saw my days and rejoiced.

Church Stand up and be counted don't be afraid of where this world is going or afraid of the word of men listen to what God says - "I will be with you"

Stand behind the cloud where the presence of the Lord surrounds you there shall not be a hand laid upon you unless God allows it. It's time to prove God - not praise God but understand and know who your God is and live in Him. In him I live, In him, I move In him I have my being. Fear not! stand and be counted God will take care of You!

Take the name of Jesus with you put on that name in baptism.

This church moves beyond cultures and authorities of government it is the kingdom of God in this world. Be buried in the name of Jesus.

The acid test is coming - Luke 21: 35

Ask your Pastor about the persecution that is coming on this world. I did not launch the online ministry to take any from their church.