

Stepping Into...

**Spiritual Strength**



**“There are better starters than  
me but I’m a strong finisher.”**

**Usain Bolt**

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# Doing My Best?

2 Timothy 2:15 ESV

<sup>15</sup> **Do your best** to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

1Thes 5:23 NLT

“...may your whole Spirit, Soul and Body be kept blameless...”

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# What happened to Daniel?

Daniel 1:1-2 NLT

<sup>1</sup>..Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand,...

# What Influences Us?

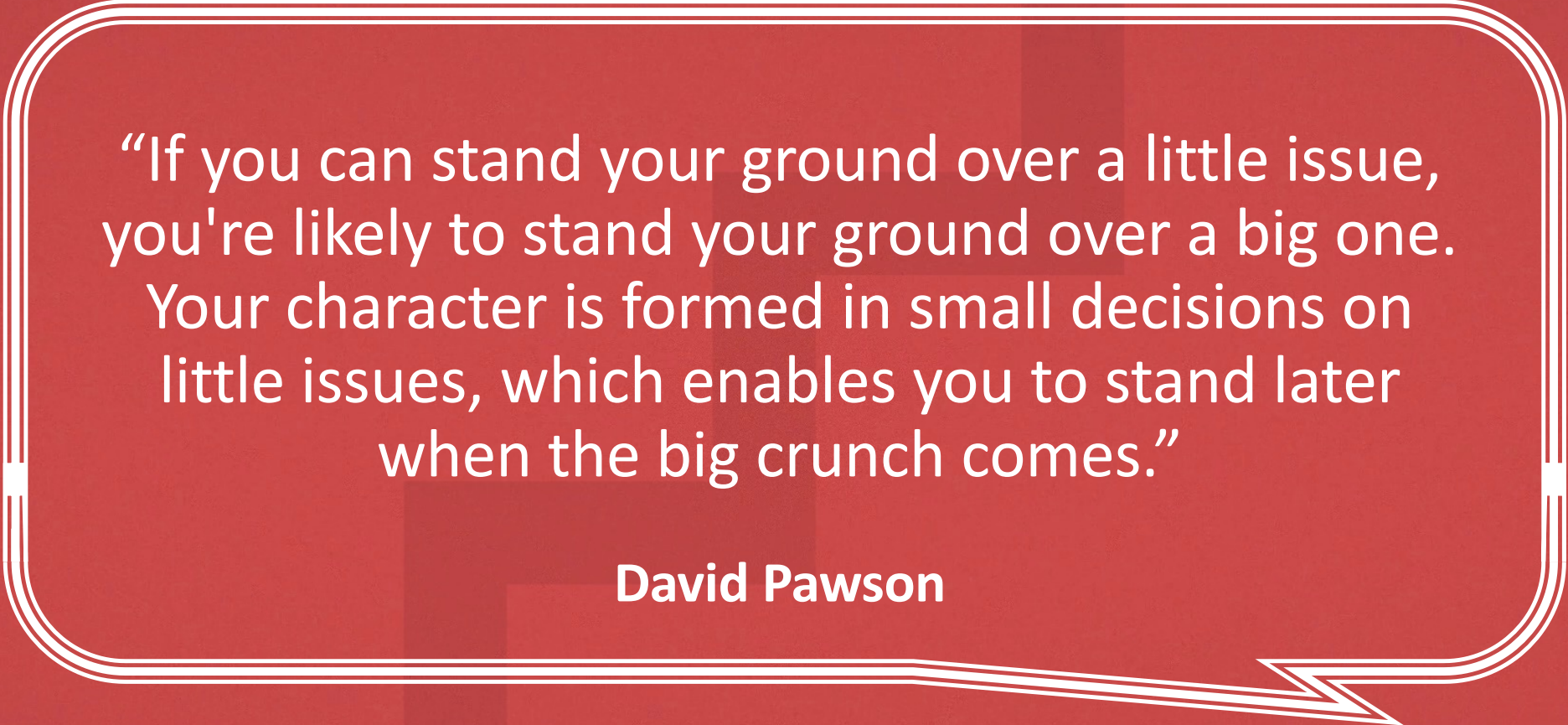
Daniel 1:5-7 NLT

<sup>5</sup> The king assigned them **a daily portion of the food that the king ate**, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be **educated for three years**, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. <sup>6</sup> Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. <sup>7</sup> And the chief of the eunuchs **gave them names**: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

- i) What we **consume**
- ii) What we **learn**
- iii) How we are **defined by others...**

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“If you can stand your ground over a little issue, you're likely to stand your ground over a big one. Your character is formed in small decisions on little issues, which enables you to stand later when the big crunch comes.”

**David Pawson**

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# What Did Daniel Discover?

1. Take OUT - What Does Damage

<sup>8</sup> “Daniel resolved not to...”

2. Put IN – Consistent Spiritual Patterns

3. God had much more to say!



# Power of Prayer & Fasting?

Daniel 10:12-13 NLT

<sup>12</sup> Then he said, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel. **Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer.** <sup>13</sup> But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.

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# Impact of Praying Together Regularly?

## PRAISE AREAS...

- **133 answered prayers** listed at prayer meetings in 2021!

Babies born, people healed, finances raised, mission supported, lockdown's ended, houses bought and sold, new ministries launched, Alpha courses run, people saved, new jobs found, new families joining BCC, new marriages, pipes unblocked, dry golf days, hip's replaced and 4 weeks of prayer and fasting!

# Wisdom of 'Stepping Into... Spiritual Strength'?

Matt 7:24-25 ESV

<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who **hears these words of mine and does them** will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been **founded on the rock**.

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