



**FULL OF**

**GRACE**

**&**

**TRUTH**



**BROOMFIELD  
ASSEMBLY**



## **John 1:14 NIV**

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



We need to **stand** firm on God's Truth.




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We need to **freely** give God's Grace.



## 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NIV

<sup>13</sup> Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. <sup>14</sup> Do everything in love.



I. Standing firm in **Babylon**.

## Daniel 1:3-5 NIV

<sup>3</sup> Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— <sup>4</sup> young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for

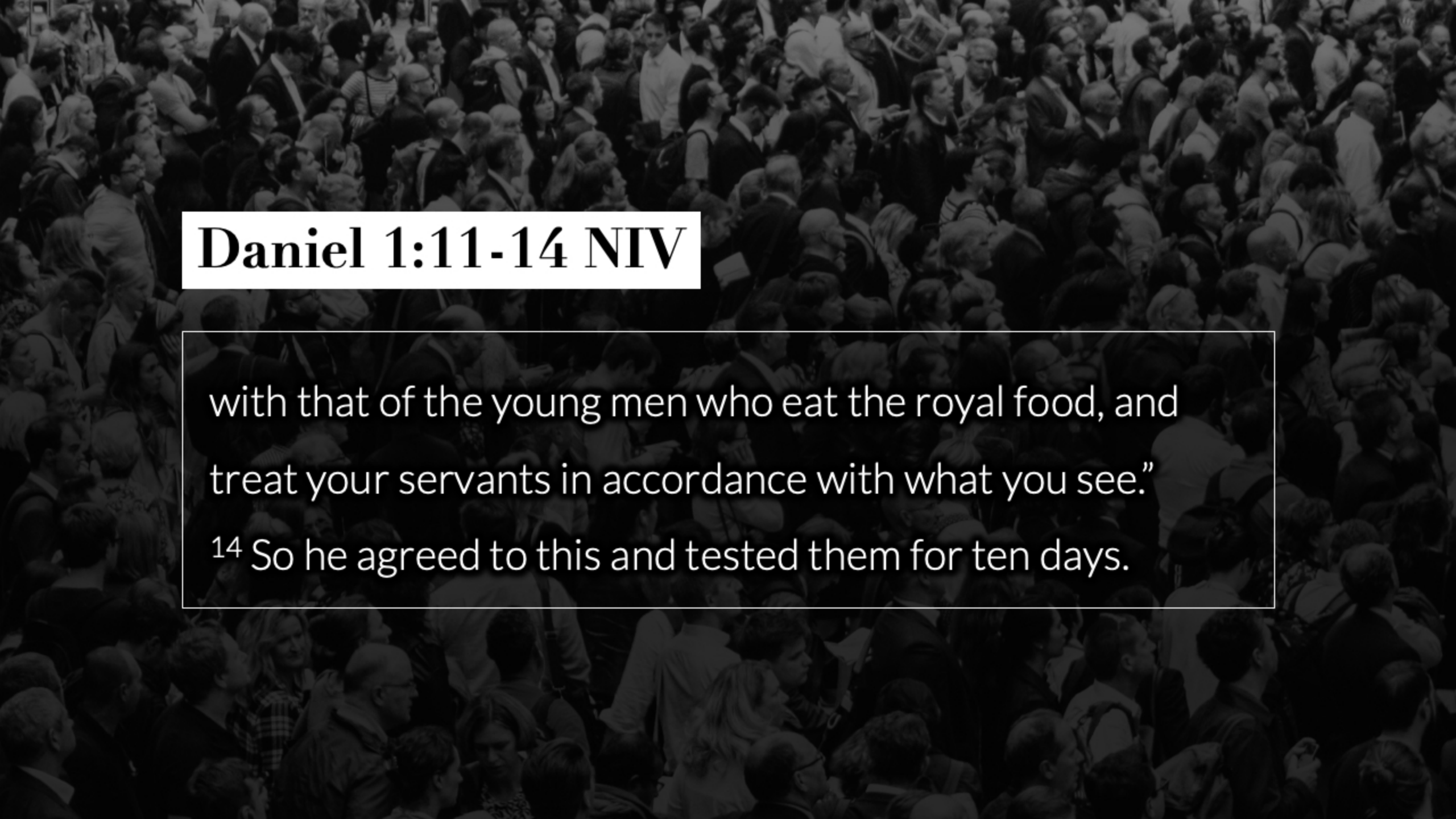
## Daniel 1:3-5 NIV

every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. <sup>5</sup> The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.



## Daniel 1:11-14 NIV

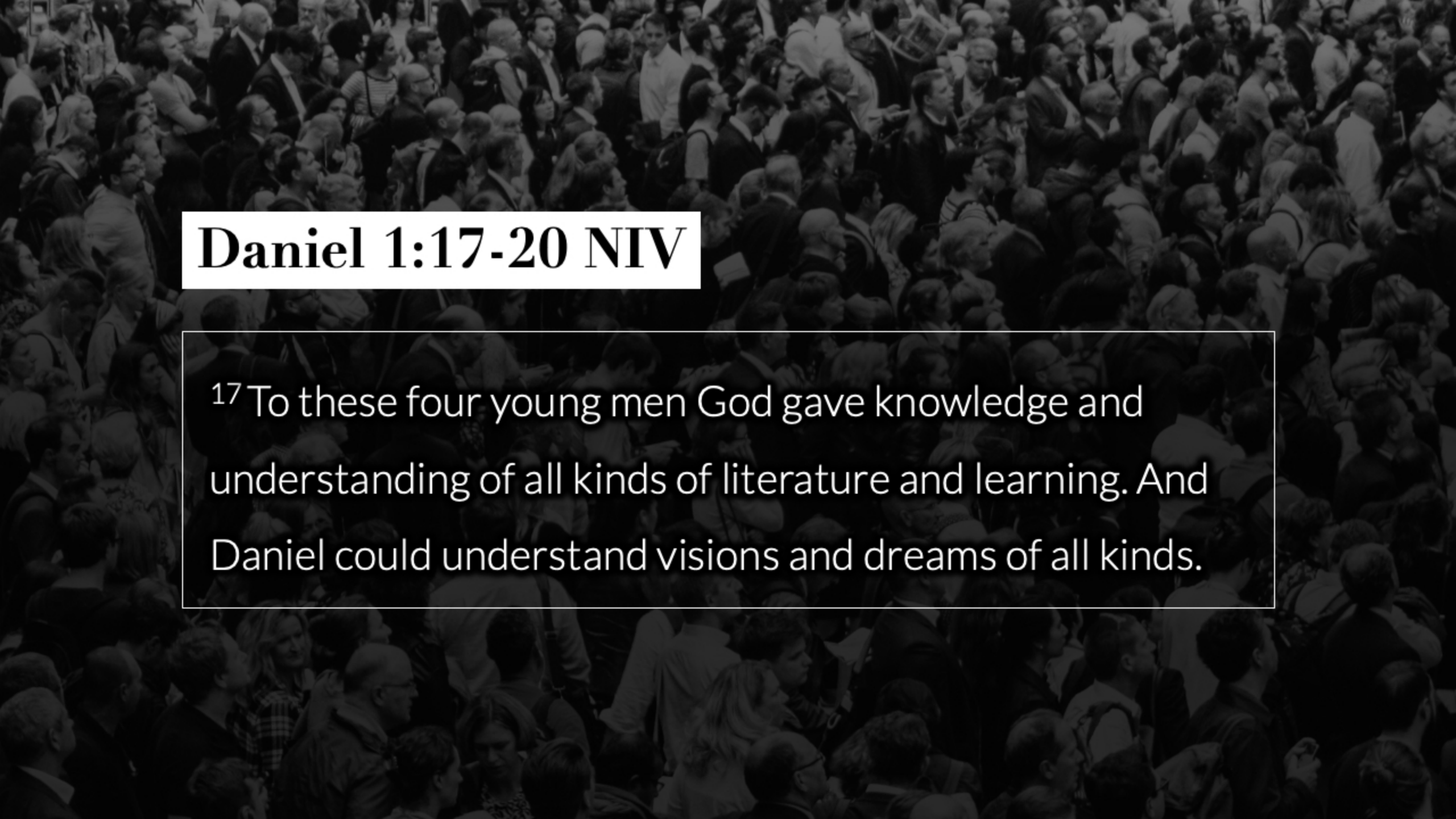
<sup>11</sup> Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,<sup>12</sup> “Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then compare our appearance



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with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.”

<sup>14</sup> So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

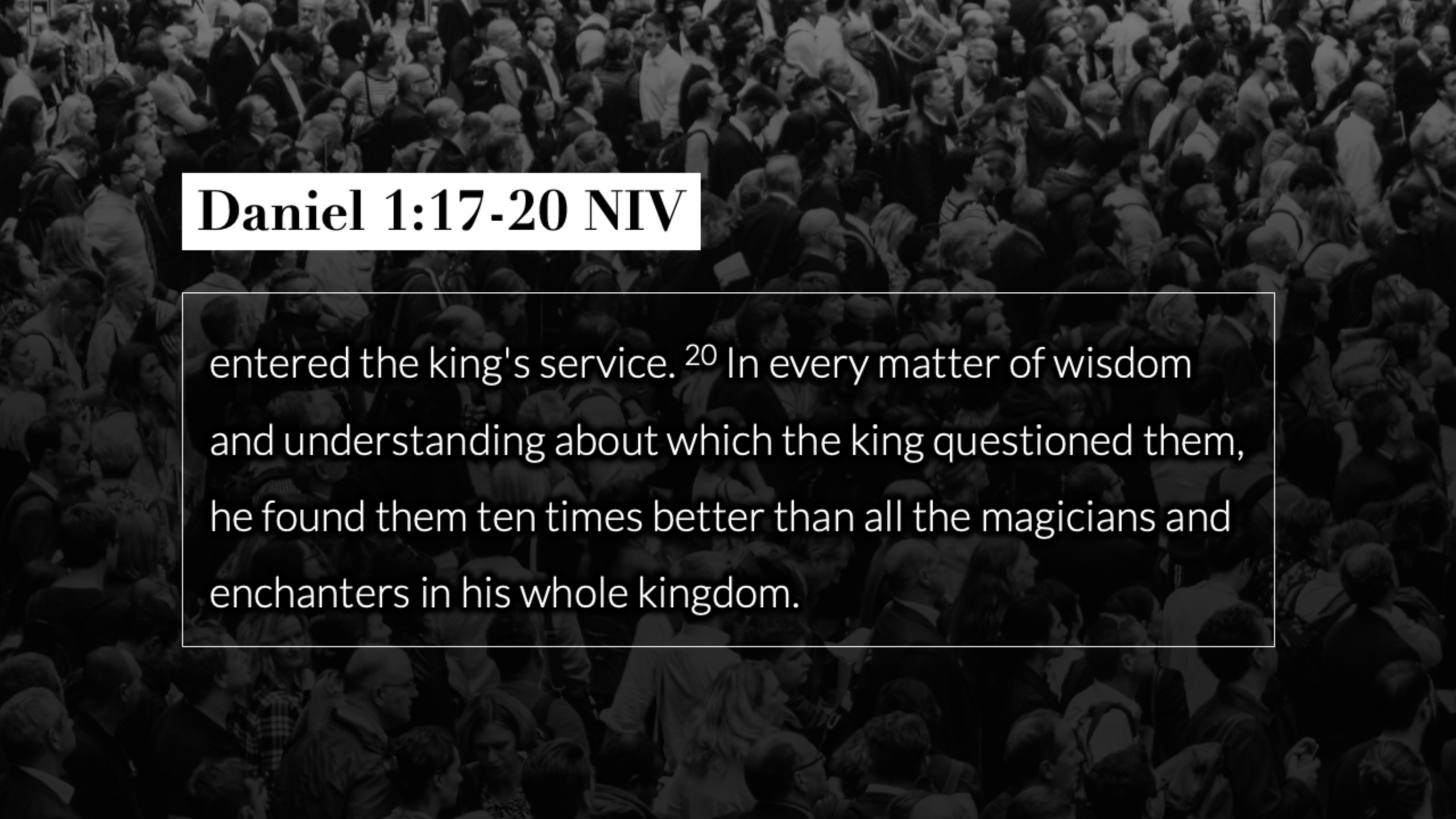


## **Daniel 1:17-20 NIV**

<sup>17</sup> To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

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<sup>18</sup> At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup> The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they



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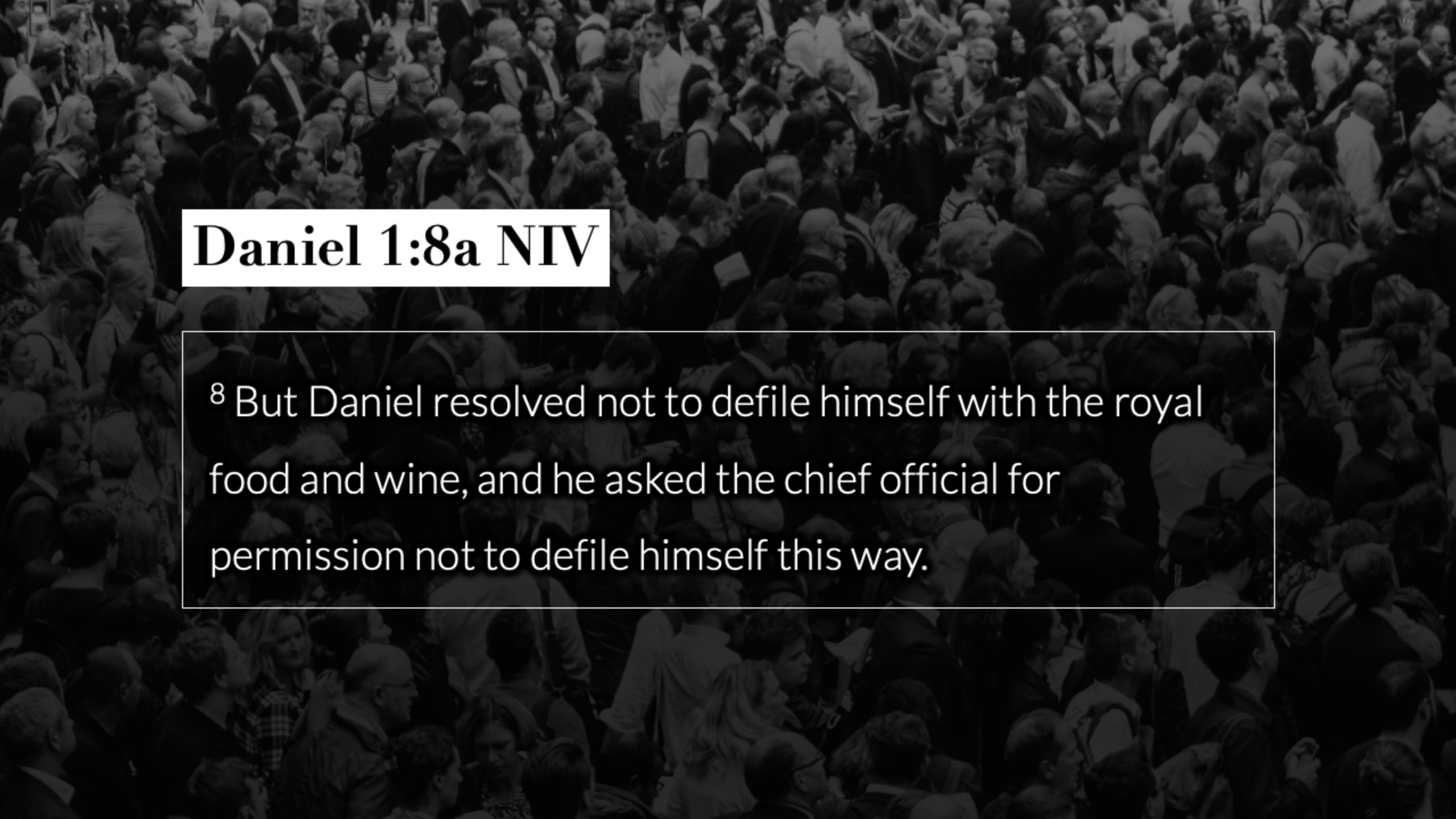
entered the king's service. <sup>20</sup> In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanterers in his whole kingdom.



II. Understanding and preparing  
**ourselves** to stand firm?



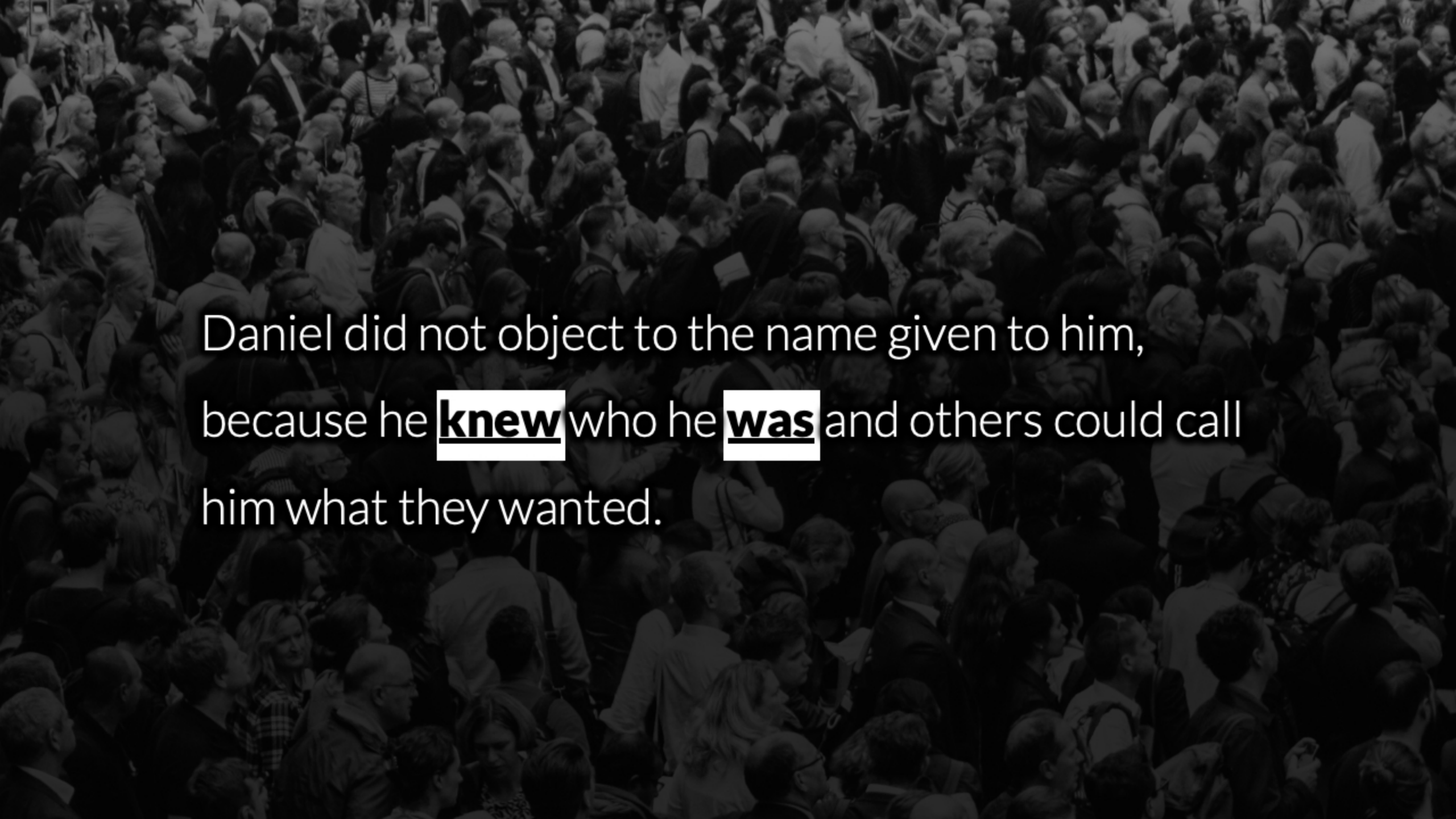
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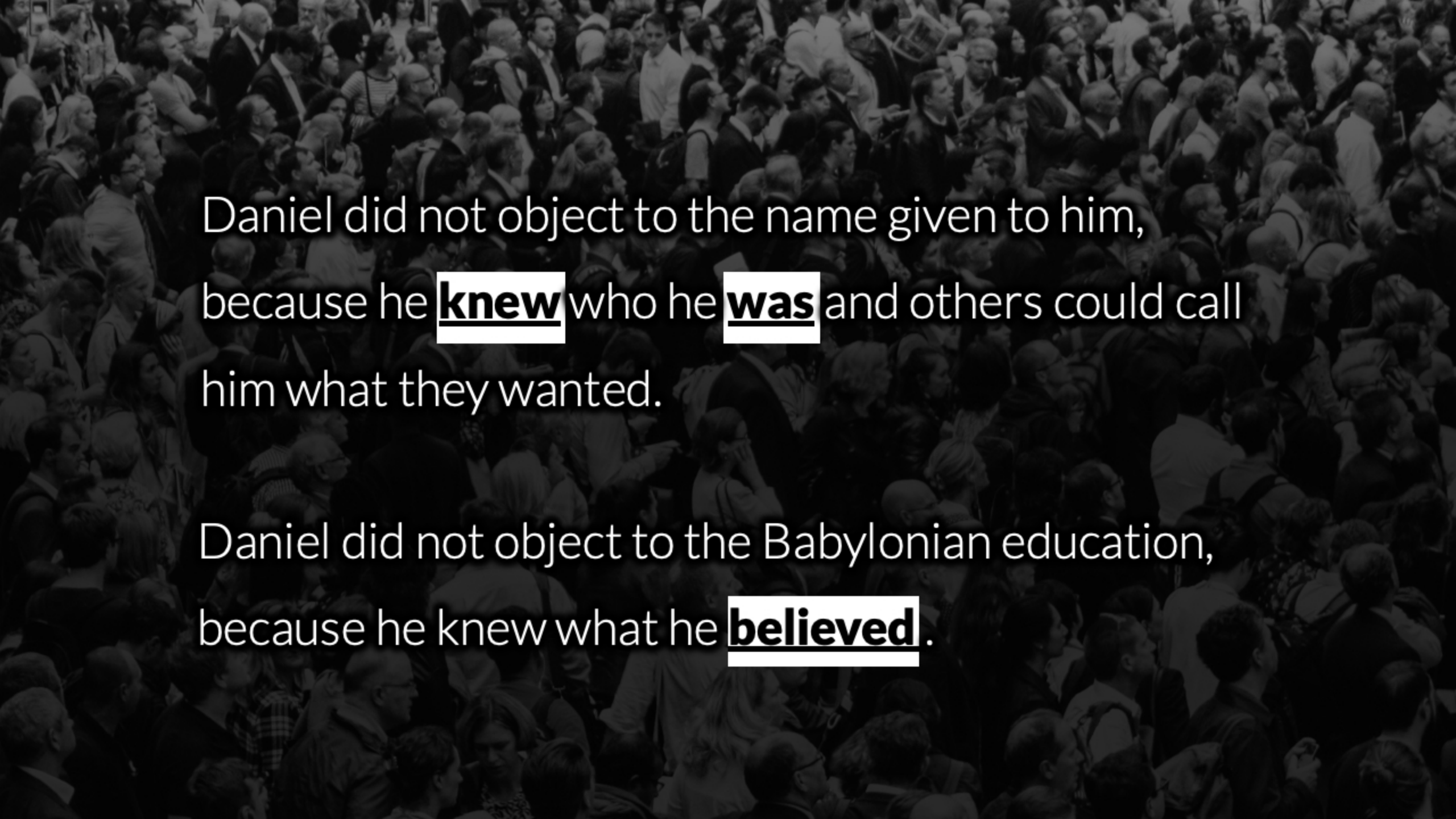
## **Daniel 1:8a NIV**

<sup>8</sup> But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.





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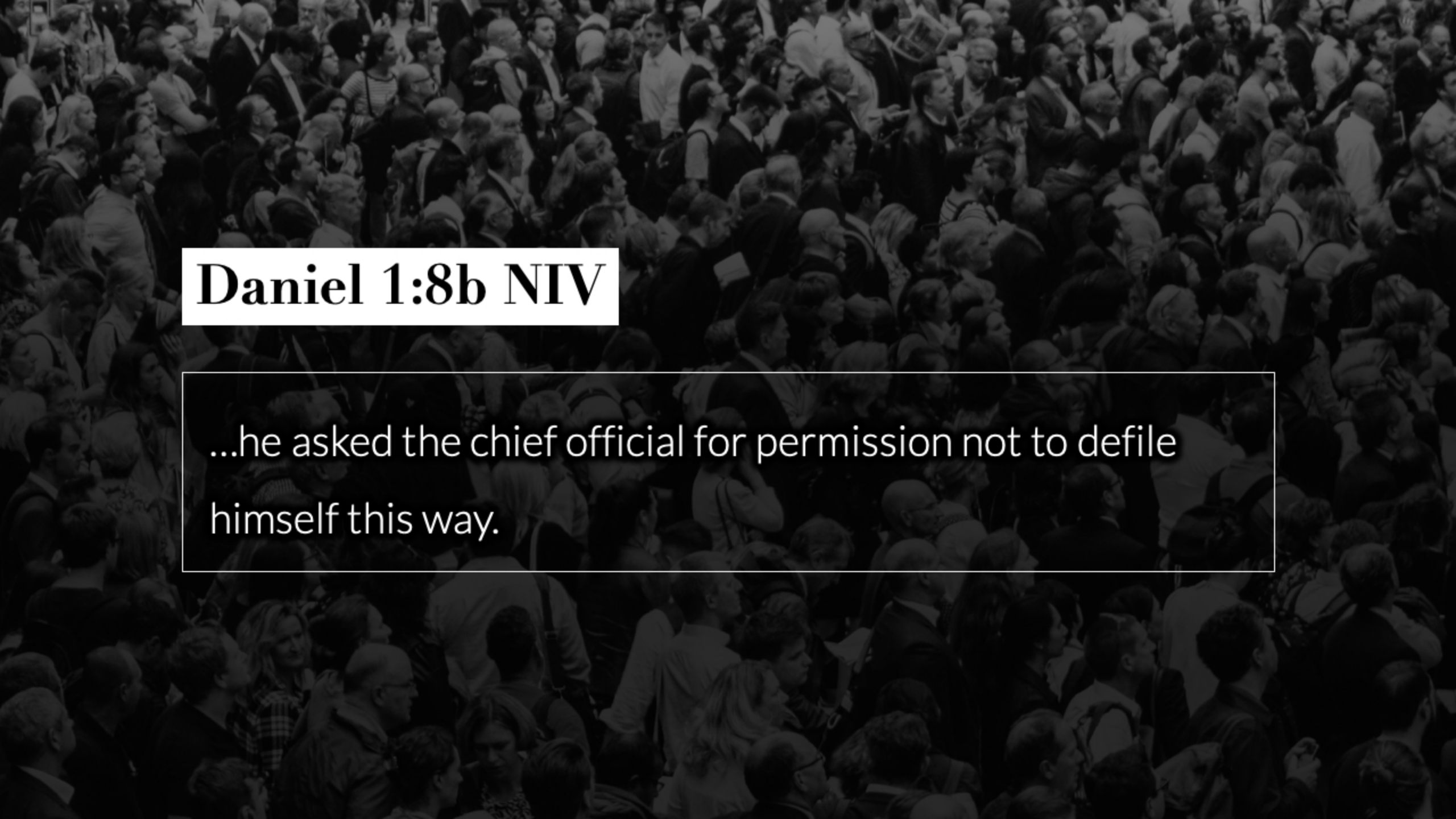
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Daniel did object to the food from the king's table because eating it was direct **disobedience** to God's word.



Standing firm takes **courage**.



**Daniel 1:8b NIV**

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## Daniel 1:10 NIV

<sup>10</sup> but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."



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**Everyone** else was doing it.



Standing firm takes **faith**.

## Daniel 1:12-14 NIV

<sup>12</sup> “Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.” <sup>14</sup> So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.





Standing firm **inspires** others.

## Daniel 1:15-16 NIV

<sup>15</sup> At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. <sup>16</sup> So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

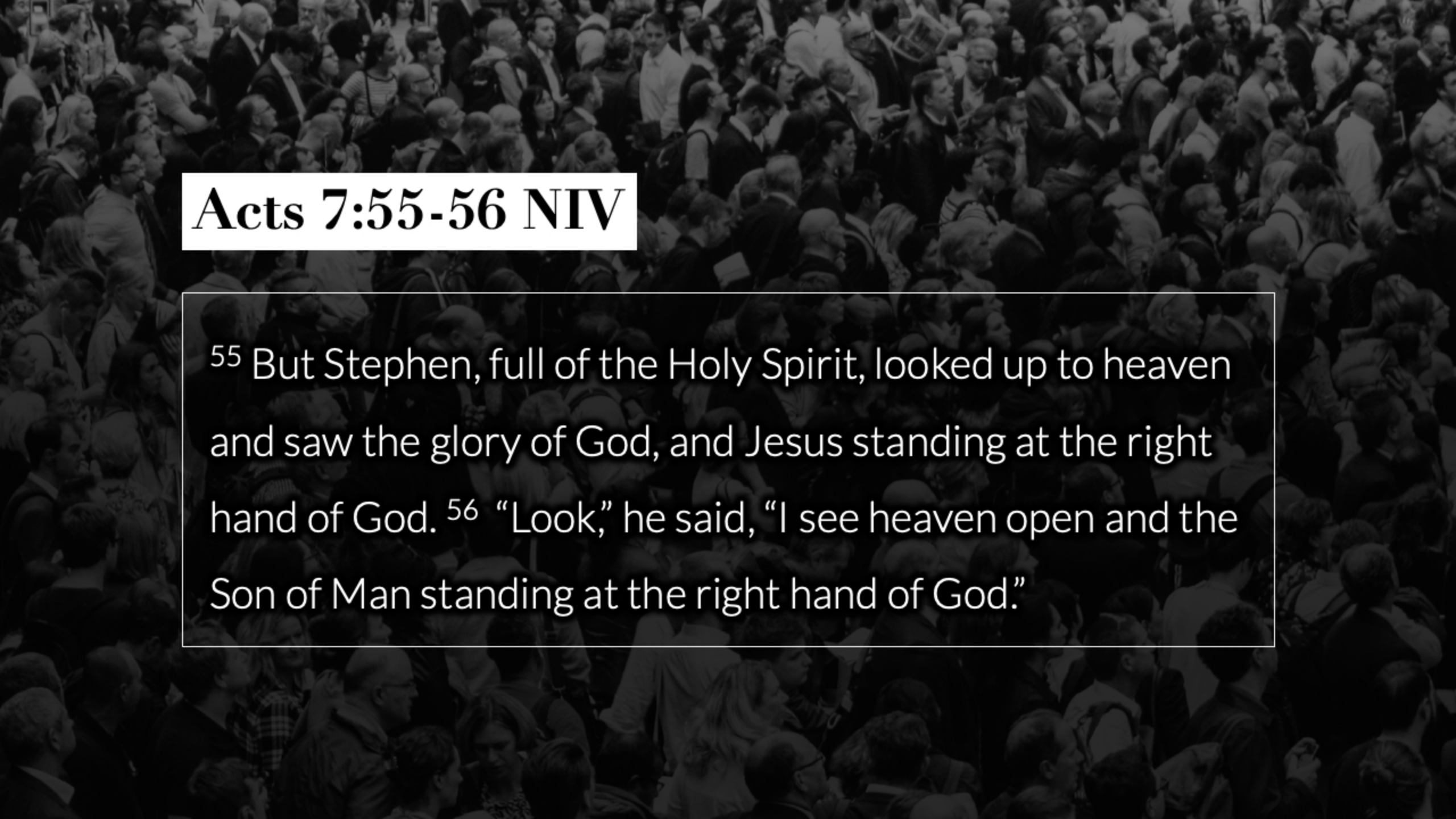


III. One last very important thing to  
**remember** about standing firm.



## Colossians 3:1 NIV

<sup>1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.



## **Acts 7:55-56 NIV**

<sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

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Do you know when **Jesus** stands?



When **I** stand, **Jesus** stands with me!