STANDING IN A **BOWING WORLD**

To bend the head or upper body as a sign of respect or greeting

• To submit to pressure or someone's demand.



 Bowing that is positive is paying homage to one's Creator. The Bible refers to this as "Worshipping the Creator".

Bowing that is negative is paying homage to what the Creator created.

Fornication is called safe sex

- Shacking up is called common law marriage.
- Homosexuality and lesbianism are called sexual preference.

<u>1 John 5:17</u> <u>All unrighteousness is</u> <u>sin...</u>

Stand up
Stand out
Stand down
And stand in



"National Worship My Image Day" throughout the kingdom.

He wanted to unify his kingdom and promote his authority as king.

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Daniel 3:7

Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, <u>fell down</u> <u>and worshiped</u> the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.



Sorcery Witchcraft Casting spells Communicating with the dead

The series uses the symbol world of the occult as its primary metaphor. This has the potential of lowering a child's guard to the actual occult activity in the world around us, which is everywhere and growing."



Michael D. O'Brien, author of <u>A Landscape with Dragons: The Battle for</u> <u>Your Child's Mind</u>





Stand up Stand out Stand down And stand in





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Daniel 3:15

Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace...

Now not only would they stand out, but they would STAND IN for each other.



In this evil world, we need each other's support.

I will not bow and worship your image. I know about the furnace. I know the consequences. But I will not bow!

- <u>Daniel 3:24</u> ... Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, 0 king.
- <u>Daniel 3:25</u> He answered and said, <u>Lo, I see four</u> <u>men loose</u>, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

• There is no suggestion here or elsewhere in Scripture that the believer will be cushioned against trouble and suffering except, by the presence of the Lord with him in his crucible.



- They were able to stand in spite of the accusations being thrown at them from the Chaldeans.
- They were able to stand in spite of the furious confrontation with Nebuchadnezzar.
- They were able to stand because they knew God was able to deliver them.
- And they were able to stand because they were determined to obey Him even if He didn't deliver them.

"You meet the Lord in the furnace a long time before you'll meet Him in the sky."

Rich Mullins:

- Somebody needs to take back his/her dignity.
- Somebody needs to take back his/her family.
- Somebody needs to take back your loved ones from off the block.

Can't bow down to worldly mess Can't bow down to guns and gangs Can't bow down to drugs and thugs I won't bow to crack cocaine And I won't bow to sickness and pain Can't bow down to stinkin drinkin Can't bow down to abusive men Can't bow down to wayward women Can't bow down to sin in my life Can't bow down to misery and strife I've bowed before, but I've made up my mind that The only time I'll bow down is when I'm on my knees praying to God