

A kayaker in a red kayak is navigating a turbulent river with large rocks. The kayaker is wearing a helmet and a life jacket, and is using a red paddle. The water is white with foam, and the rocks are large and light-colored. The background is a lush green forest.

# **A Sincere Faith**

**Daniel 1:8-21**

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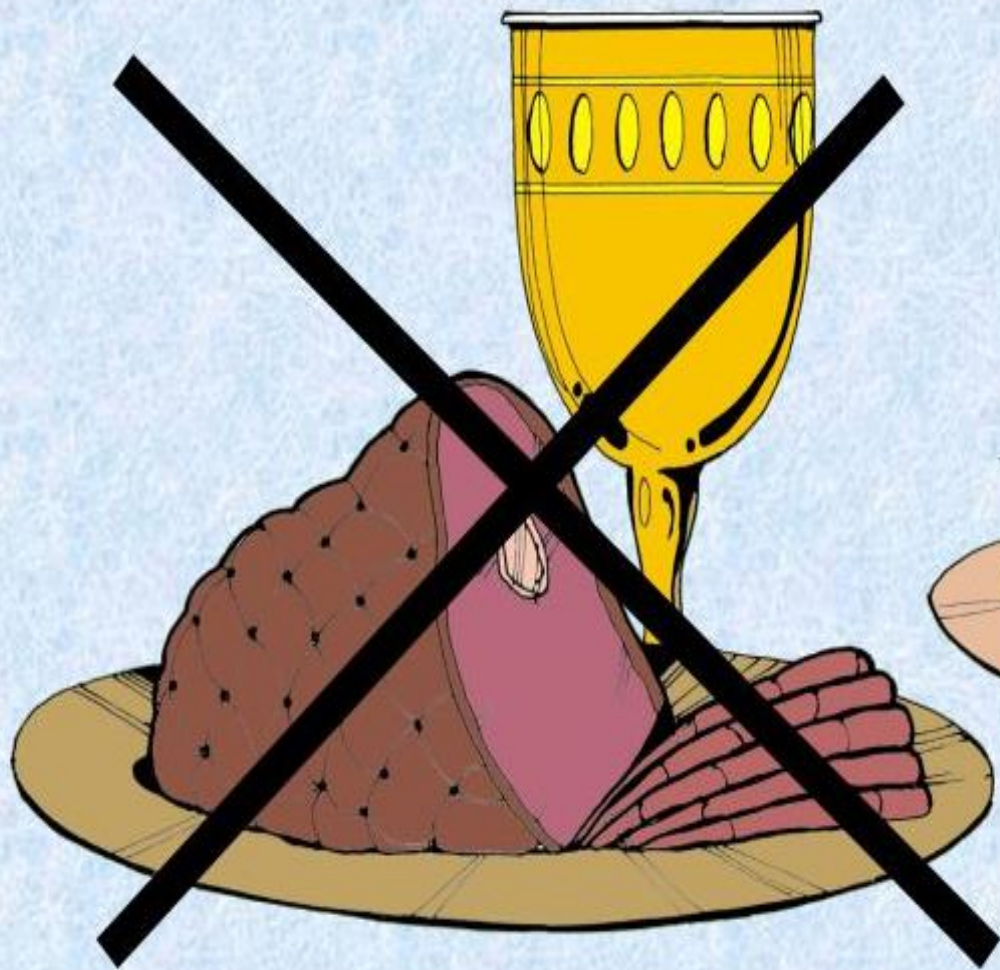
# 1. Stay Faithful to God 1:8-13

- Request Made (1:8)

*Daniel determined that he would **not defile** himself with the king's food or with the wine he drank. So he asked permission from the chief official not to **defile himself**.*







- Gladly to immerse yourself in the life around you, but are not willing to lose faith in Jesus Christ
- Gladly to serve & to bring goodness to the community, but not willing to dilute faith in Jesus Christ

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*God had granted Daniel favor and compassion from the chief official,*

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*10 yet he said to Daniel, “My lord the king assigned your food and drink. I’m afraid of what would happen if he saw your faces looking thinner than those of the other young men your age. You would endanger my life with the king.”*

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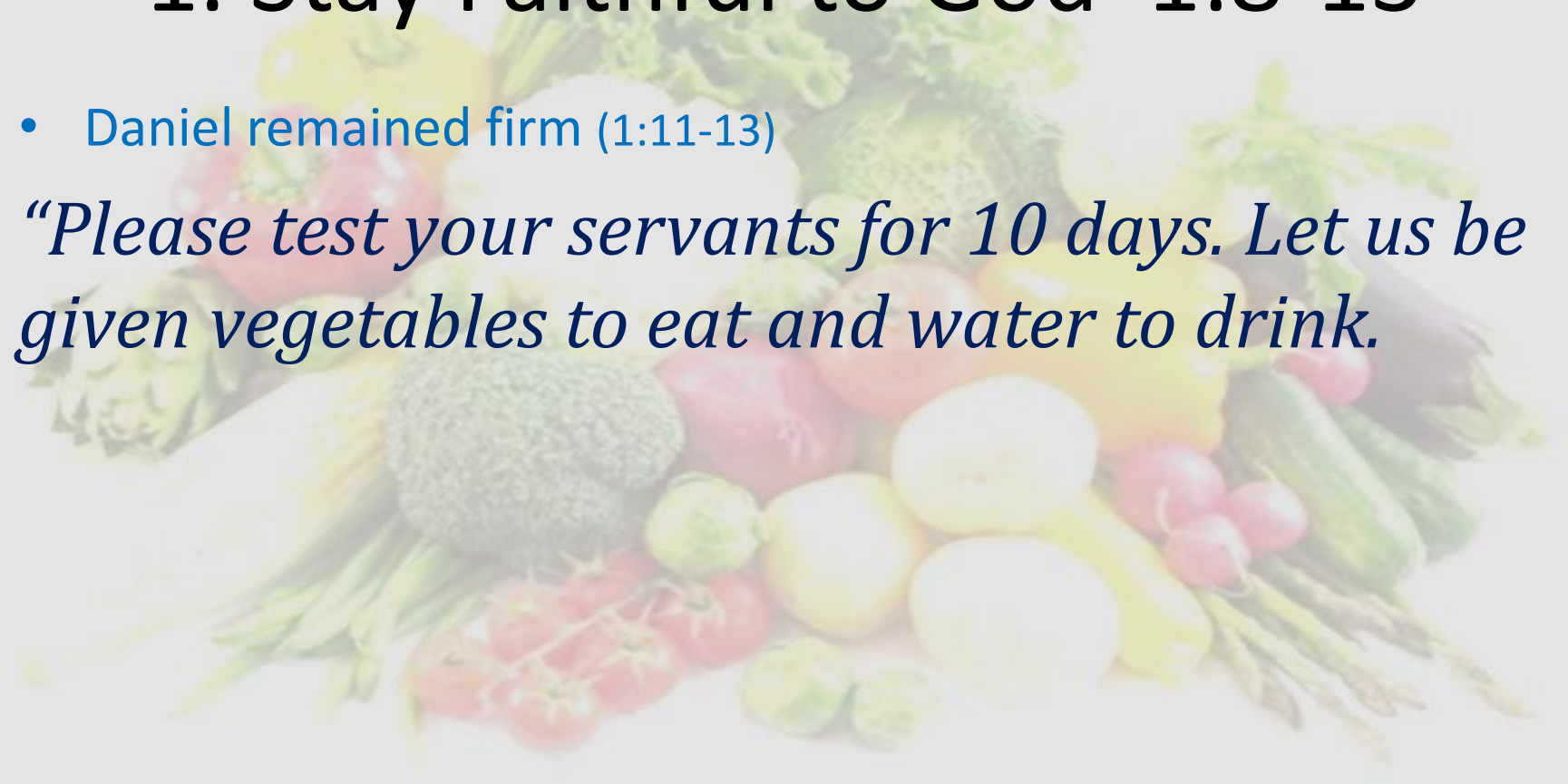
*So Daniel said to the guard whom the chief official had assigned to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,*



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*“Please test your servants for 10 days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink.”*



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*Then examine our appearance and the appearance of the young men who are eating the king's food, and deal with your servants based on what you see."*

## 2. Chúa Tở Bày Sự Thành Tín

1:14-21

- **Chúa giúp họ thành công (1:14-16)**

*Ham-mên-xa nhậm lời họ xin, và thử họ trong mười ngày.*

*He agreed with them about this and tested them for 10 days.*





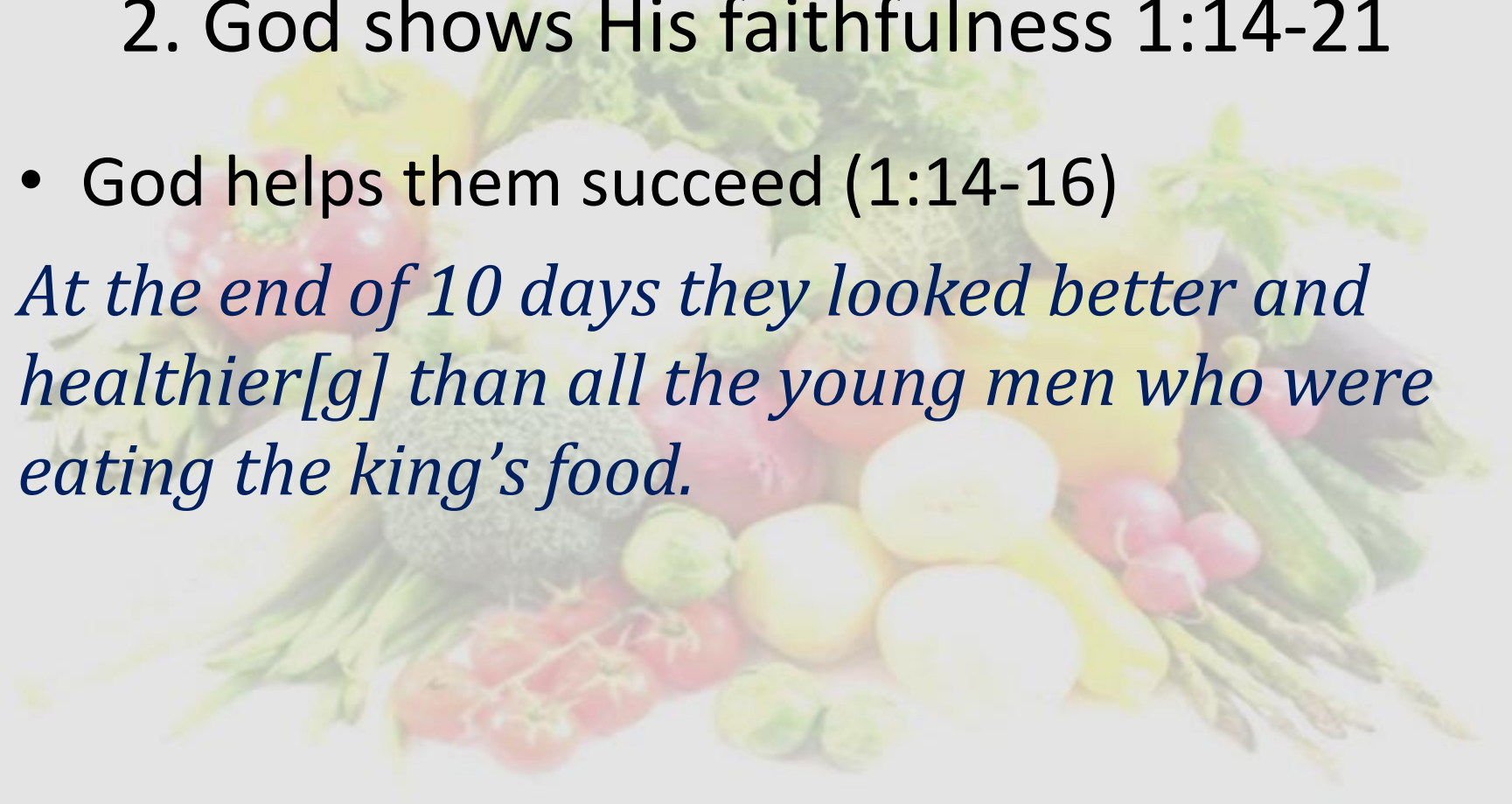
- Thái độ kính trọng và hòa nhã khi đề nghị những giải pháp - **Respectful and gentle attitude when proposing solutions**
- Tinh thần kiên quyết không làm theo tất cả những gì số đông làm nếu những điều đó ngược lại với sự dạy dỗ của luật pháp Chúa - **The spirit of resolute does not follow everything the majority does if it is contrary to the teaching of God's law**



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- God helps them succeed (1:14-16)

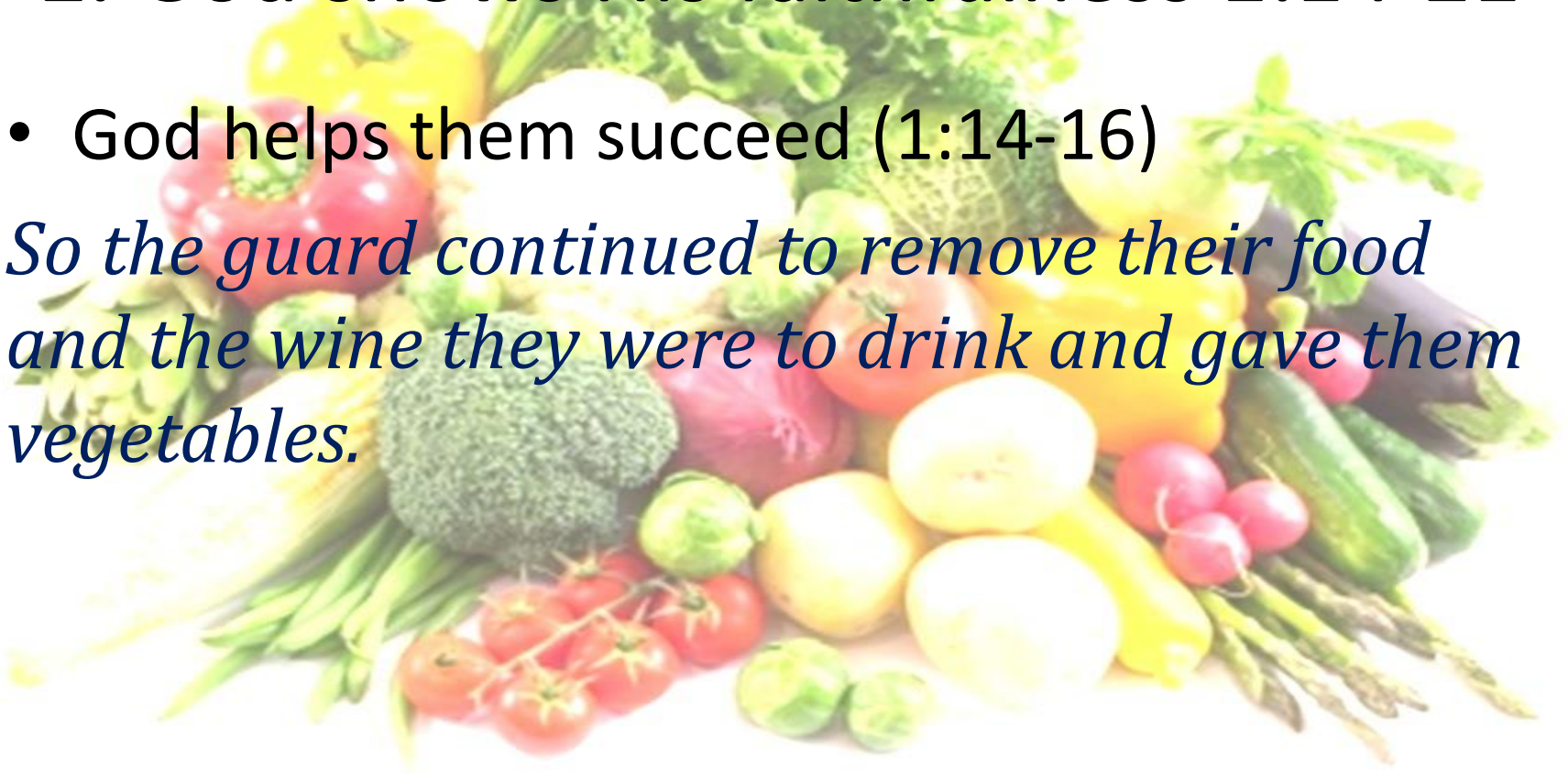
*At the end of 10 days they looked better and healthier[g] than all the young men who were eating the king's food.*



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*So the guard continued to remove their food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables.*



\* *“looked better and healthier...”*

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- God gives them spiritual gifts (1:17)

*God **gave** these four young men **knowledge and understanding** in every kind of literature and wisdom. Daniel also understood visions and dreams of every kind.*

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*At the end of the time that the king had said to present them, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar.*

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*The king interviewed them, and among all of them, no one was found equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they began to serve in the king's court.*

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*In every matter of wisdom and understanding that the king consulted them about, he found them 10 times[h] better than all the diviner-priests and mediums in his entire kingdom...*

- God blesses His people, not only for themselves, but for the benefit of all peoples. His will is that all nations will submit to and worship Him

In many stages the people of God will face more difficulties, jealousy, disputes, when they are blessed by God. However, among those challenges they must always shine to make convincing evidence of His redemptive covenant



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# Prayer

*Dear Jesus Christ, Please guide us to follow the example of Daniel to show ingenuity and grace under pressure. May we follow the example of You, who is full of grace and truth. May we have the power and the gift to show the truth of God to those within our influence. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*