

Series: "FAITH UNDER FIRE"  
 Part 3: "WHEN A NATION ABANDONS GOD"  
 Crossroads Community Church  
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*In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom—*

Daniel 9:1 (NIV)

*<sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. <sup>3</sup> So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.*

Daniel 9:2-3 (NIV)

**Two Lessons from Daniel**

**1. Don't get comfortable in \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.*

1 Peter 2:11 (NIV)

**2. In the middle of a crazy world, where our faith is under fire... we should \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Prayer that Makes a Difference...**

*<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,*

Daniel 9:4 (NIV)

**1. Starts with \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

John 14:13-14 (NIV)

**2. Stands on \_\_\_\_\_**

**Examples:**

- When you're tempted – 1 Corinthians 10:13
- When you need direction – James 1:5-8
- When you sin – 1 John 1:9
- When you're suffering – Romans 8:28

**3. Seeks \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>30</sup> "I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one. <sup>31</sup> So now I will pour out my fury on them, consuming them with the fire of my anger. I will heap on their heads the full penalty for all their sins. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken!"*

Ezekiel 22:30-31 (NLT)

*<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. <sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup> "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you..."*

*<sup>13</sup> Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth.*

Daniel 9:4-7, 13 (NIV)

**4. Stresses \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>17</sup> "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. <sup>18</sup> Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. <sup>19</sup> Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."*

Daniel 9:17-19 (NIV)

**5. Serves \_\_\_\_\_**