

Building a Faith That Lasts: Part II

Daniel 6

Daniel 1:1-7

1. New culture = language and literature
2. New Luxury = royal Food
3. New identity = new name

How do we build a Jesus-centered legacy?

"Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an **excellent spirit** was in him."
Daniel 6:3a

Ruah = Spirit

1. Building a Faith That Lasts: Cultivates

"Then these men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'" Daniel 6:5

Who we BECOME is ultimately more important than What we know/do.

2. Building a Faith that Lasts: Is focused on _____ in the present, not _____ in the future

"You have made known to me the path of life, in your presence is joy forevermore." Psalm 16:11

3. Building a Faith that Lasts: Embraces _____

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.” James 1:2-3

In a world where pain and suffering hold no value, we minimize the potential beauty God can form from our pain. We miss what God might be trying to form inside of us on our spiritual journey.

4. Building a Faith that Lasts: Trusts that Just because

God is _____, doesn't mean He is _____

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” Jeremiah 17:9

We trust God not because we see Him, but because we know Him. We know He's working.

5. Building a Faith that Lasts: Is Forged Over Time with

Daniel's faith wasn't built in the Lion's Den, it was built in his prayer closet.

“Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.”
Daniel 6:10

The greatest growth we will see in our kids happens in the seemingly mundane and everyday.