Making a Difference in a Mixed Up World – 8 The Lion and the King November 26, 2023

I. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

Our God ... "is <u>the living God</u>, world without end. His kingdom <u>never falls</u>. His rule <u>continues</u> eternally. He is a <u>savior</u> and <u>rescuer</u>. He performs <u>astonishing miracles</u> in heaven and on earth..." (Daniel 6:26-27 MESSAGE)

- **II.** THE STORY:
 - A. Daniel greets <u>Cyrus</u> with a <u>letter</u> from God.
 - **B.** Daniel <u>befriends</u> and <u>serves</u> the King.

- C. Daniel is promoted because of a "<u>spirit of</u> <u>excellence</u>."
- D. Jealous <u>leaders</u> make a plot to <u>destroy</u> Daniel, the one who provides for them.
- E. God <u>delivers</u> his <u>people</u>.
- **III. TIMELESS LESSONS**
 - A. Sometimes private faith just isn't enough.
 - B. Our testimony affects the world.
 - C. There is no <u>testimony</u> without <u>trouble</u>.
 - D. There are two <u>constants</u> in this life:
 - 1. <u>Changing</u> circumstances
 - 2. <u>Unchanging</u> God