

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

“Inside the Lion’s Den”

Daniel 6:1-28

Introduction: In Daniel 6 we find one of the best-known and loved stories in all the Bible, a story that has encouraged people for thousands of years. It is the story of Daniel and the Lion’s Den. As a child, I can remember being fascinated with how God delivered Daniel from the hungry lions. Sometimes I think we do this story a disservice by reducing it to a kid’s story. We have this fun image of Daniel with these tame adorable lions, but make no mistake, lions are vicious and violent creatures as we will find out when Daniels enemies are thrown into the lion’s pit. In this morning’s message Daniel is in a position of leadership under Darius the King. His position is in jeopardy when his enemies engineer a sinister plot to have him killed. They arrange for the King to sign a decree prohibiting prayer. To ask a petition of God or man within thirty days, except to the King they were to be thrown into a lion’s den. When Daniel learns the decree had been signed, he simply does what he had done throughout his entire life, he goes into his house and prays. From Daniels story we’ll learn the secret of Daniels walk with God. We’ll learn what courage is, what faithfulness is and some key points about prayer.

OUTLINE:

- I. When faced with a crisis handle it with _____.
- II. Daniel had a specific _____ where he prayed.
- III. Daniel had a specific _____ to pray.
- IV. Daniel prayed in _____ and in _____.
- V. Prayer can give you calm _____ when facing difficulty.