SIGNALS Part 4: When No One is Watching

Objective: To challenge us to pursue integrity in every area of our lives.

...the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find <u>no corruption</u> in him, because he was <u>trustworthy</u> and <u>neither corrupt</u> nor <u>negligent</u>.

...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.

Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. <u>He still prays three times a day</u>."

Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, "Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed."

16 So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must <u>fear</u> and <u>reverence</u> the <u>God</u> of Daniel.

"For he is the <u>living God</u> and he <u>endures</u> forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end.

27 He <u>rescues</u> and he <u>saves</u>; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth.

Daniel 6:4, 10, 13, 15-16 26-27

- Pastor Steve defined integrity as "who you are when no one is watching." Do you feel like that is an accurate definition? Why or why not? If not, how would you define integrity?
- Integrity can be costly. What are some of the costs associated with being a person of integrity? If you're comfortable sharing, tell about a time when your integrity cost you. Would you say it was worth the cost?
- Because integrity can be costly, we sometimes "cut corners." However, what are some of the costs associated with NOT being a person of integrity?
- Integrity isn't just about not stealing or not lying. It's about being consistent as a follower of Jesus across every aspect of your life. With that in mind, how would you rate your own integrity? How do you think others would rate it?

Consider this week:

• In what ways or in what areas of your life do you need to work to ensure you are the same even when no one is looking?

Final Thought: Does your integrity point people towards or away from Jesus?

