



Maintaining a Biblical Perspective in the Face of Pressure

Daniel 6:10 (NIV)

“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 6:16a (NIV)

“So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den.”

1. We are to rest in the sovereignty of _____.

Daniel 3:17-18 (NIV)

“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and He will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if He does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Acts 4:19-20 (NIV)

“Peter and John replied, ‘Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to Him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.’”

2. We find _____ in knowing what is impossible with man is possible with God.

Daniel 6:14 (NIV)

“When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.”

Daniel 6:17 (NIV)

“A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed.”

Daniel 6:16b (NIV)

“The king said to Daniel, ‘May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!’”

Daniel 6:18 (NIV)

“Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.”

3. Your greatest pressure point can become the place of your greatest _____.

Daniel 6:19 (NIV)

“At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, ‘Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?’”

Daniel 6:21 (NIV)

“May the king live forever!”

Daniel 6:22-23 (NIV)

“My God sent His angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in His sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty. The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.”

Psalm 46:1 (ESV)

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Daniel 6:24 (NIV)

“At the king’s command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.”

4. God will use your refusal to bow to an ungodly culture as a catalyst for _____.

Daniel 6:25-27 (NIV)

“Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: ‘May you prosper greatly! I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will never end. He rescues and He saves; He performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.’”