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FAITH UNDER FIRE

DANIEL 6:1-5

"God and Government The Rule of Integrity"



#### Judgment is sent for two reasons:

To punish

To purge or purify

#### What's The Rule of Integrity?

Integrity Rules

Biblical integrity always rules in any given scenario, situation, and any circumstance.

#### Integrity

- -Steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code.
- -The state of being unimpaired; soundness.
- -The quality or condition of being whole or undivided; completeness.

#### Ezekiel 22:30-31

30 So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. 31 Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord God.

#### Daniel Teaches Us...

That it is possible to be a godly man or a godly woman in the midst of an ungodly government.

#### Jeremiah 29:10

10 For thus says the Lord: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.

#### Isaiah 44:28

28 Who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built," And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid."

#### Proverbs 21:1

1 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

#### Daniel 6:1-2

1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; 2 and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss.

## God's man, God's woman, they are immortal until God's purpose for their life is finished.

### Jesus is not a means to get to heaven.

Heaven is a means to get to Jesus!

#### Daniel 6:3

3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

#### Philippians 2:14-15

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

The word distinguished here, it means he's different. It means he's distinct. The word actually rolls over to the word brightness or brilliance, ike a diamond.

#### Complaining here in the Greek

It means to emotionally indict God.

When you live in light of eternity, when you are blameless, when you don't complain, when you don't dispute and you shine like a light,

You will do two things, simultaneously. You will attract. That's what light does. Light attracts, but you will also get attacked!

### The word integrity comes from the Latin word integer.

It is related to the word, Intergration.

#### Proverbs 10:9

9 He who walks with integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will become known.

## Integrity does the right thing, regardless of the consequences!

#### Proverbs 4:23

23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

#### The Great Wall of China



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Walls breached 3 times within the first 100 years, not by armies going through them, but by bribing the gatekeepers

Compromise, lack of integrity

#### Psalm 86:11

23 Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

#### Proverbs 20:7

7 The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

## The diamond or brilliance of integrity shines the brightest against the backdrop of adversity!

#### Daniel 6:4

4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

## Daniel's efficiency in his work highlighted their deficiency.

### You're either going to get attacked or you're going to attract.

But if you're not willing to get attacked for the truth, then you will never attract to the truth!

Integrity will always threaten those who lack it.

#### Daniel 6:5

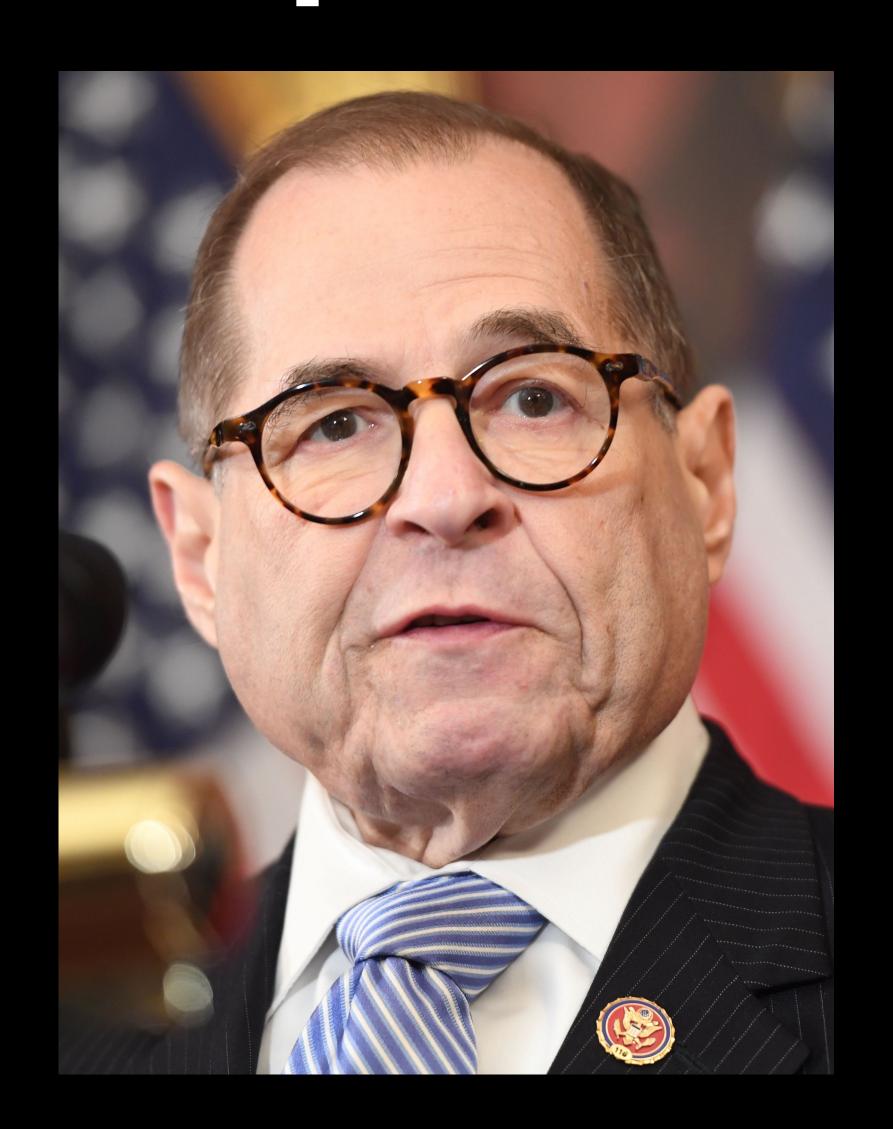
5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

#### Representative Greg Steube (FL)



"The gender confusion that exists in our culture today is a clear rejection of God's good design. Whenever a nation's laws no longer reflect the standards of God, that nation is in rebellion against him and we will inevitably bear the consequences."

#### Representative Jerry Nadler (NY)



"What any religious tradition describes as God's will is no concern of this Congress."

#### Representative Greg Steube (FL)



"It's long past time to impeach Joe Biden. He has undermined the integrity of his office, brought disrepute on the Presidency, betrayed his trust as President, and acted in a manner subversive of the rule of law and justice at the expense of America's citizens."

Joseph in Genesis. God had Joseph going against the culture, placing him as a prisoner and eventually as the Prime Minister. Through that political avenue, he would save his people.

Then you have Esther pleased in a context with the Persian king, and she is able to approach him through a political avenue and ask for favor that would eventually save her people.

# Nehemiah was sent by decree from the king to go rebuild the temple of Jerusalem. This was through a political avenue.

## Hitler's rise to power and the eventual Nazi slaughtering of Jews came from a political stream.

# The rebirth of Israel after World War 2 was done through a political avenue as the world sympathized with the Jews.

#### Martin Luther



"If you preach the gospel in all aspects, with the exception of the issues which deal specifically with your time, you are not preaching the gospel at all." 1962 and 1963, Bible reading and prayer was completely removed from schools through a political stream.

1973, The legalization of abortion.

2015 the Legalization of same sex marriage.

## We can stand firm against the godless pressure because we are firmly standing on God's power.

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