December 1st – God Delivers His Children

"Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.'"
(Daniel 6:23)

The Word of God is amazing. One of the most amazing stories in Scripture is found in Daniel 6. You might remember that Daniel and his three friends were carried away into Babylon following the fall of Israel in 586 B.C. Though they were far from their homeland, Daniel and his friends remained faithful to God. His friends were so faithful that they were condemned to the fiery furnace, but God delivered them from the midst of the fire. Not even the smell of smoke was on their clothes.

Daniel found favor in the eyes of the pagan kings he was forced to serve. One of the kings was Darius. After being tricked into signing a foolish law, Darius was forced to throw his beloved Daniel into a hungry den of lions. The Bible says that Daniel was placed into the lions' den, a stone was rolled in place, and the king's signet ring was placed on top as a seal. After a long sleepless night, the king came out the next morning to find Daniel alive. God closed the lions' mouths and spared Daniel.

Today's verse is the king's response – "he was exceedingly glad for him." I'm sure the king was also happy for himself because one of his best men was still alive. When they removed Daniel from the lion's den, they couldn't find a single scratch on him. That's a miracle! Hungry lions would have devoured Daniel but God closed their mouths. God delivered Daniel for one reason – "because he believed in His God." God delivers every person that places his/her faith in Him!