SERMONNOTES

Scary Stories pt.2 November 25, 2026

Trapped

Cautionary Tales

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning …" Romans 15:4 (NKJV)

1. CONSECRATION — Settles the _____ Question.

Daniel 1:8 …resolved not to defile himself…

Joshua 24:15 … choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve…

Even the Chosen must _____.

2. CONFLICT U. — God's _____ (Latin)

Daniel 6:1-9

1. Trials develop maturity. James 1:2–4
2. Suffering produces character. Romans 5:3–5
3. Trials refine faith.1 Peter 1:6–7

Conflict transforms _____ knowledge into to Dynamic Faith.

3. CONVICTION — Settles our _____ Choices

Daniel 6:10 … with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

Four Keys

1. **Know God's Word.** Conviction begins with truth. We cannot stand firmly on what we do not know. Psalm 119:11; Romans 12:2
2. **Settle Your Convictions Before the Conflict.** Decide what you believe and where you stand before your convictions are tested. Daniel resolved not to defile himself long before he faced the lions. Daniel 1:8; Daniel 6:10
3. **Practice Obedience in Everyday Life.** Conviction grows stronger through consistent choices. Faithfulness in small matters prepares us for greater tests. Luke 16:10; James 1:22
4. **Stand Firm When Convictions Are Tested.** Conviction matures when obedience costs us something. Trials reveal whether our beliefs are merely preferences or deeply held commitments. 1 Peter 1:6-7

"Without conflict, convictions remain Unproven Claims."

4. COURAGE — The Evidence of your Dynamic Faith

1. Testimony to Daniel's conviction and confidence in God. Daniel 6:10
2. Daniel Testifies to God's faithfulness, Daniel 6:21-24
3. Darius Testifies to God's Supreme Power. Daniel 6:25-28

_____ testimony the Seedbed of your Spiritual Legacy?

ADMIT **BELIEVE** **CHOOSE**

Reflect and Discuss

1. **Consecration:** Where do you need to settle the lordship question by surrendering your preferences or plans to God?

2. **Conflict:** How might God use a conflict you are facing to refine your faith and develop your character?

3. **Conviction:** Daniel prayed faithfully before prayer became dangerous. What daily habits are strengthening your convictions before they are tested?

4. **Courage:** Where is God calling you to act on what you believe, even when obedience may cost you something?

5. **Spiritual Legacy:** What are your responses to pressure teaching others about God? What testimony do you want to leave for those who follow?

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