DANSING FAITH

Part 1: Know who you are Part 2: Know whose hand you're in Part 3: Know who you worship Part 4: Know who made you

Part 5

Know Your Rhythms – Integrity

Daniel 6

Integrity:

"consistency of actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations, and outcomes. In ethics, integrity is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one's actions." –So-Young Kang

Rhythms Bring Alignment

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Daniel 6:1-5

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; ² and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss.³ Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

Daniel 6:1-5

⁴ Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. ⁵ Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."

Integrity of heart is never accidental.
Integrity is a result of healthy intentionality.
Healthy intentionality requires healthy rhythms/routines.

Repentance & confession are the keys to alignment.

Rhythms Require Intentionality

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Daniel 6:10-13,16

¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God.

Daniel 6:10-13,16

² Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked."

Daniel 6:10-13,16

¹³ Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

¹⁶Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!"

<u>3 Types of Intentionality:</u>

1. Intentional Place ("he went to his house where he had windows...open toward Jerusalem...")

Where do you enjoy meeting with God? What inspires prayer? Worship?

<u>**3 Types of Intentionality:</u></u></u>**

- 1. Intentional Place ("he went to his house where he had windows...open toward Jerusalem...")
- 2. Intentional Time (He got down on his knees 3 times a day...)

<u>3 Types of Intentionality:</u>

- 1. Intentional Place ("he went to his house where he had windows...open toward Jerusalem...")
- 2. Intentional Time (He got down on his knees 3 times a day...)
- 3. Intentional Purpose (... prayed and gave thanks as he had done previously.")

Integrity Shuts the Lion's Mouth

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Daniel 6:17-24

¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. ¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions.

Daniel 6:17-24

²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever!²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

Daniel 6:17-24

²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.²⁴ And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions-they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

Does your integrity, "consistency of actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations, and outcomes...the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one's actions" shut the mouth of the Accuser?

- Shut his mouth through confession.Shut his mouth through repentance.
- Shut his mouth through accountable relationship.

- Healthy rhythms of alignment with the Holy Spirit produce an excellent spirit (integrity).
- Rhythms require intentionality- places, times, & purposes.

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