

**SERMON SERIES:** Among Lions

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## **Sermon Title:**

“Among Lions”

## **Introduction**

This is the final week in our three week series, “Among Lions.” As we’ve looked through the book of Daniel, we have seen how Daniel and others have stayed strong in their faith in the face of culture shifts and threat of persecution. This week is no different as we look at Daniel in the lion’s den, where we see that in the face of adversity, Daniel continues to seek the Lord.

- Share about a time when you faced a challenging situation and how you responded to it.

## **Seek the Word**

- Read Daniel 6:1-11. Discuss Daniel's response to the decree prohibiting prayer. How did Daniel's actions reflect his faith and trust in God?
- Read Daniel 6:12-28. Darius after spending his whole night worrying about Daniel’s fate, issues a decree in verse 26. How does this demonstrate the impact of Daniel's character and faith on others?

## **Go Deeper**

Read Hebrews 12:1-3. This passage encourages us not to grow weary or faint by fixing our eyes on Jesus. How does this passage relate to the story of Daniel in the lions' den? What lessons can we learn from fixing our eyes on Jesus in the midst of adversity?

## **Talk About It**

- How can we develop daily spiritual rhythms and habits like Daniel to strengthen our faith and trust in God?
- Discuss a time when you faced a temptation or challenge similar to what Daniel experienced. How did you respond, and what lessons did you learn from it?
- Reflect on the concept of spiritual maturity being developed through daily decisions. What practical steps can we take to intentionally grow in spiritual and emotional maturity?
- Share one specific habit or routine you want to implement or change based on the principles discussed in the sermon. How can the group support you in this endeavor?

## **Wrap Up**

*Reminder:* Determine your identity before facing adversity.

*Challenge:* This week, reflect on the habit or routine you shared earlier with the group. Be in continual prayer that God helps you develop that routine. Create a plan to help you best succeed in this new change.