

Daniel Part 6 HANDOUT

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What does lifelong faithfulness look like?

Daniel 6:1–3 ¹It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ²with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

KEY THOUGHT #1 A consistent life creates visible integrity

Daniel 6:4 ⁴At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

This is the fruit of decades of daily faithfulness.

Integrity is built quietly... long before it is tested publicly.

Daniel 6:5 Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

If you live boldly for God long enough, your faith will eventually cost you.

Daniel 6:6-9 So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! ⁷The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. ⁸Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” ⁹So King Darius put the decree in writing.

- This wasn’t uncommon - the divinity of the kings

Daniel 6:10 “Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.”

KEY THOUGHT #2 Your habits today decide your courage tomorrow

Integrity isn't built in crisis...It's built in daily obedience.

Your daily habits are writing your future testimony.

Daniel 6:16 So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

- Even the pagan king knows Daniel's God is real.

Daniel 6:17-18 A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

- The king cannot sleep...WHY? Because human power has reached its limit.

Daniel 6:19-23 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²²My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

²³The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

KEY THOUGHT #3 God doesn't always keep you FROM trials...He meets you IN them

The miracle wasn't the absence of lions — it was the presence of God.

The presence of God is greater than the absence of danger.

Faithfulness doesn't prevent trials — it invites God into them.

LIFE POINT - The goal of the Christian life is not just to start strong, it's to finish faithful.

What will the next chapter of your faith look like?