

Can God Deliver?

Daniel 6

Daniel 6 is one of the top 3 most famous stories in the Bible. “*Can God Deliver?*” That’s the great question, and it’s answered in this chapter. Is your God real? Beyond the temporal. Is He able to walk into your world and make a difference with the things life confronts you with? Is He able to take your sins away? Is He able to quiet the storm raging around you? Yes! He is able to change the desperate circumstances you find yourself in today.

“Is your God able to deliver you from the lions?” Daniel 6:20

We know more of the personal history and the private life of Daniel than we do of any of the other prophets. Daniel is one of 3 men in the Old Testament about whom there is no mention of a single flaw (Joseph, Daniel, and Caleb). The prophet Ezekiel says Daniel is one of the 3 most righteous people ever to live. (Ezekiel 14:14)

He is introduced to us as a teenage boy, probably 15 to 17 years of age, when he was carried away as a captive and transplanted from his home in Israel to a foreign country, a heathen land. For over sixty years he lived in that pagan environment with all of its spiritually deadening influences. He was placed in a special training program to prepare him for government service. His career went through the changing of a variety of governments. And as kings come and go and as governments come and go, the Bible says that Daniel continued. No matter his age, he was consistent and faithful. Nothing could stop him.

We are easily intimidated by our culture. Our schools and media, professors and celebrities, and government agencies and all the Hollywood mess, all the elements of our society are tolerant of most everything and anything, except if you happen to be a Biblical Christian. So, if we're not careful, we'll keep our heads down. We'll keep our mouths shut, and our convictions will be silent. The world likes to practice censorship when it comes to Biblical truth, and that can put us on the defensive. Careful study of the life of Daniel shows us how to overcome the intimidation of a corrupt culture. Daniel never had the luxury of living in a country surrounded by people who believed as he did.

Daniel lived out his life in a situation not unlike our own. He was a Godly man trying to live in a pagan culture. To say he overcame is an understatement. He lived in that culture from the time he was 14 years old until he died in his 90's. When he faced the cultural issues of his day that were in opposition to his faith, he overcame with courage and conviction. I believe that this is God's challenge to all of us, to overcome. We don't have to shout and make fools of ourselves, but, like this man of God in the Old Testament, we do have to be overcomers.

The key to Daniel's life is at the end of chapter 1 when it says, “*and Daniel continued...*” Daniel 1:21

Why is the story of Daniel so popular? A lot of stories are action stories of deliverance. This whole chapter is a great testimony of the power of our God to deliver. I don't know what you're going through. I don't know what den of lions you may be experiencing in your own life, but whatever it may be, whatever you are going through, God is able to deliver you.

Daniel was more famous and more respected in his day than the Prime Minister of England or the Secretary of State of the United States. He was much more famous than any of the men who have served in those offices. He won the friendship of kings, but he also had bitter and cruel enemies who sought his life. He was loyal to the pagan prince whom he served.

It's the story of how Daniel stands by his principles. Something in us is inspired when we watch a man act out of principle. God has called real men to act out of principle rather than for our own pleasure. When we watch it in movies, we know that is what God has called us to do. It is only when you are willing to die for what you believe that you are really ready to live.

- **Daniel models for us how you get larger in life.**

In an economy like ours this is worth knowing how to get larger in business, as a leader, how you become more

valuable to your company, and at work in your home and in life. If you follow his co-workers, there are things that will make you smaller. His co-workers get smaller and smaller until they lose in a big way. He lived by the big ideal that you work and live for God. He did not separate his life and his work. You don't live and work for yourself. You don't have a public life and a private life.

There were four contributing qualities to Daniel's life.

- He lived a life of clarity.
- He lived a life of conviction.
- He lived a life of courage.
- He lived a life of competence.
- He lived a life of commitment.

This story began as a work-related incident, a breakdown that arose in the company. The result was Daniel and the lion's den. Darius was a very wise leader. He had a good understanding of the basic principles of administration. We are told in verse one that he organized the entire kingdom, the entire land of Iraq, under the leadership of 120 princes. Over those princes, he put three presidents who were to supervise and direct their work. Darius planned to place Daniel in charge of those three men and thus place him in charge of the whole kingdom.

"It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss." Daniel 6:1-2

1. He Was Promoted Because He Was Competent At Work.

"Now 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." Daniel 6:3

"The ant has no ruler yet he gets his work done." Proverbs 6:6

No commander, no overseer, no ruler. Daniel did not need a ruler to get his work done. The most valuable person in the company is the person who needs the least ruling. You are a liability if the company has to spend a lot of money to put a boss over you. When they have to cut back, they keep the people who know how to do their work on their own.

In Daniel 6 he is no longer a young man. He is probably in his 80's. He ought to be retired, and yet the Bible says he is put in a position of leadership. Some men did their best work in the latter years of their life.

- At 83, William Gladstone became Prime Minister of Great Britain for the fourth time.
- At 87, John Wesley, they say, still preached with almost undiminished eloquence, closing out a career in which he preached 2-3 times a day (more than 40,000 sermons total) traveling more than a quarter million miles on horseback to get to these cities.
- At 89, Michelangelo painted "The Last Judgment"—perhaps the most famous single picture in the world.
- At age 90, Thomas Edison was still filing for new inventions at the Patent Office. Frank Lloyd Wright was still considered an innovative architect and George Bernard Shaw was still writing plays.
- J.C. Penney, the legendary Christian businessman, was still putting in a full work day at age 95.
- Harland Sanders was 65 when he opened Kentucky Fried Chicken, after getting fired from about a dozen of his previous jobs.
- At 71, Winston Churchill led England into WW2. Churchill had won his first election at age 62. He'd lost every single election up to that point.

Even though he is in his 80's, God is still using Daniel, and God is still blessing him. He is put at a place of authority and responsibility in his later years. He became a victim of jealousy. The more successful you become, the more you may be an object of the jealousy of other people. The tree with the most fruit has the most birds.

He had a good attitude. He worked hard, and he fulfilled his responsibility. He was honest, and he didn't complain. He just did what he was supposed to do. Daniel had continued to honor God with his life, and now God is going to honor Daniel again. Daniel would become the second in command over all the Medo-Persian empire, a fact that did not go unnoticed by his peers. This did not make him a popular person. He was a model employee. He became prime minister of two world governments, that of Babylon and that of Medo-Persia. He was lifted to the very highest position that any king could offer any man.

- He was consistent in his performance.

Daniel took his assignments seriously. When he was scheduled to do something, you did not have to worry about it getting done. He was trustworthy. He was credible. You could count on him to do what he said he would do. His coworkers were jealous of his success. People who are getting smaller tend to be petty. When there is infighting in the company, or marriage, or churches, you cannot focus on the important things.

Their jealousy drove them to attempt to discredit Daniel in the eyes of the king and destroy him. *“At 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.”* Daniel 6:4

“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.’” Daniel 6:5

Why did these men want the kingdom so much? These 120 men were ripping off the government. They duped King Daruis into making a decree that no one except him is to be worshipped for 30 days. It was written into law and could not be rescinded. They believed their monarch were infallible, so when he made a ruling, it could not be rescinded. To change what he had written was to admit his fallibility.

When Daniel reads the decree, he goes home and does exactly what he has always done, he prays to his God. When he was in trouble, he prayed. When he was not in trouble, he prayed. I think we think our lives are like a movie. We click the remote and it stops everything. We press the button, and no one knows what happens while everything is frozen. Daniel moves through the changes in life unmoved by the circumstances because of the consistency of his Godly walk.

The king wanted Daniel to be in charge, but he doomed Daniel to his death. Daniel goes home and prays as he always has. You may feel good if you got your boss like these men, but the day will come when he will get his shot at you, the ones who made the mistake.

If you are going to be thrown into the lion's den, it is better that others throw you in because you have done right, then God has a reason to shut the mouths of the lions. We are not a victim of the system. We are a victim of our own mistakes and corruption. They were in the lion's den because of their own action.

We often suffer for our foolishness. He was suffering for righteousness. We sometimes suffer from our own foolishness and unwise acts. God had no reason to rescue his coworkers. You are in trouble when God has no reason to shut the mouths of lions because you did not shut your mouth.

2. He Was Prayerful Because Of His Commitment.

“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. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: ‘Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?’” Daniel 6:10-12

He faced the circumstances of his life with extreme courage. He did not run or retreat. He faced adversity well. God shut the mouths of lions because Daniel walked well with God. What would he say about how we are living in our day?

The reason he had such courage is because he had a consistent prayer life. There is a sign that reads, “If you are having a really busy day, skip your devotions and prayer,” signed, “The devil.” Daniel had a faith in the God of Heaven. Daniel had a faith in a different God.

“Now when Daniel knew.” Daniel 6:10

In other words, when Daniel got the word about the decree for 30 days with no prayer to any god except the king, Daniel might have weighed some alternatives. But Daniel prayed daily. So he opens up that window, and he prays toward Jerusalem as God taught him to pray.

There's a crisis here. Will he obey God, or will he obey a king? Will he do what God has taught him to do, or will he do what the decree of the king says for him to do? Think about what he could do. Maybe he could have said, “Well, it's not a big deal. Thirty days is not a long time. I can go 30 days and not stir up the waters.” He could have said, “I don't have to be so vocal about it. Maybe I can go down in the cellar and pray where nobody can see me.” Or maybe he said, “I can close my window, and I can lay on my bed and I can pray.” Or maybe he said, “I'll just pray in my heart. God will hear me. I don't have to pray out loud.”

He knew he had a decision to make. He had a crisis on his hands when he heard about the decree. It says, *“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.” Daniel 6:10*

Daniel's prayers three times a day are based in Psalm 55. *“As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.” Psalm 55:16-17*

When Daniel was attacked, he prayed. Daniel learned there is divine help to win the battles in life. So when there were problems, Daniel prayed. Prayer was the source of breakthrough in Daniel's life. Prayer is the source of breakthrough in your life. Daniel does not have a crisis-oriented faith. He lives in constant fellowship with God. Whenever Daniel had been in trouble, he'd turned to God in prayer.

What's your instinct when you feel threatened?

When you've been hurt in your marriage; when you feel like your spouse is just not treating you fairly and it's not getting any better. When at your job you feel like you are being pressured to do the wrong thing; or you're being treated unfairly by your boss or colleagues. When you're being pressured to toe the party line even though it goes against your conscience; or maybe when a friend or a boyfriend or girlfriend is pressuring you to do the wrong thing. You're being pressured to conform. Daniel learned to pray three times a day early in life, and he lived it out under pressure. He was the administrator of the largest kingdom of his day. He was under too much pressure not to pray.

What do you do when you are under pressure?

- Panic

He always provides a way of escape; he will always supply you with the strength and wisdom to do the right thing. You're never trapped in a situation with only bad options.

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape that you may be able to bear it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13

- Pride

“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.” 1 Peter 5 :5-6

Pride is not a humble dependence on God but a heart of self-sufficiency. Prayerlessness is the indicator light of pride. You are convinced that given enough resources and time you can overcome! Nebuchadnezzar said, *“All those who walk in pride God is able to humble.”*

- Prayer

Prayer is peaceful.

“Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28–30

A yoke, you see, typically had a place for two oxen—they pulled the load together. If one ox is stronger, the other gets the benefit of his strength. Imagine you strapped a yoke to pull a tractor-trailer, but strapped in next to you was the world’s strongest man. It might not seem that heavy to you. It might even feel like you are just out taking a walk because he is pulling most of the weight. So it is with Jesus. He shoulders the weight of my marriage problems. He carries the weight of my work problems, or my parenting problems, or my personal struggles. In each of these things, I’m responsible only to walk with him and do what he directs me to do. What a friend we have in Jesus, oh what needless pain we bear; all because we do not carry, everything to him in prayer. *“Cast your burdens upon the Lord, and he will sustain you.” Psalm 55:22*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he’ll make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Daniel chose prayer, and he prayed as peacefully that evening as he had every other one. Most people pray some. More people will pray this week than exercise. We would all like to pray more, deeper, better, with more fire and more faith. One of the reasons we don’t pray is the issue of unanswered prayer. The unspoken hesitation about prayer is that we fear that God is the ultimate heartbreaker. Prayer is the source for power and peace in life.

“Prayer is the hand of faith on the doorknob of your heart where you invite God in.” Max Lucado

Courage in the lions’ den comes from consistency in the prayer closet. Daniel didn’t summon up courage the moment he was thrown in the lion’s den. His courage was the result of years and years of small, faithful obedience. If you wait until the hour of trial to decide what you’ll do, you will fail.

If you establish small consistent patterns of obedience--like a daily time to meet with God--then when the hour of trial is upon you, you’ll do the right thing. Jesus said that *“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater.” Luke 16:10*

You learn a whole lot about prayer from Daniel.

- The Place Of Prayer

He is praying *“before an open window.”* Do you have a place where you pray?

- The Posture Of Prayer

The Bible says *“he got down on his knees.”* You don't always have to kneel when you pray, but when you get down on your knees to talk with the Lord, it is a posture of surrender. When you get up in the morning, get down on your knees and humble yourself before the Lord and have a good long talk with the Lord.

- The Periods Of Prayer

“Three times a day” he prayed.

- The Persistence Of Prayer

“just as he had done before”

He has these enemies, and they're watching his every move. They are around him everywhere. Daniel gets down on his knees before the window pointing toward Jerusalem. They caught him! Caught him doing what? They caught him praying.

- The Purpose of prayer

Daniel *“gave thanks.”* The word for thanks is “yadah.” The Hebrew word means to literally throw the hands in the air. He gives thanks for the situation or deliverance. Daniel gave thanks to God. Can you imagine being under all of that pressure and still giving thanks unto God? Praying and giving thanks is the thing to do. No wonder God blessed this man.

If we will follow the pattern of Daniel, we see he had access to all the power of the eternal God in heaven. Prayer is the key to power. Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian down on his knees. Because Daniel prayed, he was given the strength to face his circumstance head on. Daniel was a man of prayer. Has anybody ever caught you praying? Dads, have your children walked in and you were praying? They caught him praying. Notice what they do. They're thrilled! They run over there to the king and say, *“We caught him.”* Daniel 6:13 Look at the scorn and derision, *“That Daniel which is of the children of the captivity of Judah.”* What they're saying is. “That Jew.” Talk about anti-Semitism! That Jew, that Daniel!

Now the king realizes he's been tricked. It says, *“When the king heard these words, he was very displeased with himself.”* Daniel 6:14

He had real affection and appreciation for Daniel. So he set his heart on Daniel to deliver him. Darius had to try some way to deliver Daniel. So the Bible says, *“He was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort sundown to save him.”* Daniel 6:14

Verse 15 says that there was no way. He pulled in his team of lawyers. They looked for every possible loophole. They looked for some way to get out of the decree, but there was a law of the Medes and Persians that said, *“No decree of the king can be changed.”* Daniel 6:15 He realizes what a dreadful mistake he has made.

The Medes and the Persians had this custom that once a law was properly passed, it couldn't be changed. The purpose, historians say, was to keep kings from impulsively passing arbitrary laws because they were in a bad mood. It also helped reinforce the idea that the King was divine, because changing a law implied that the king had made a mistake.

“Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and they cast him into the den of lions.” Daniel 6:16

The rest of the verse says, *“The king spoke unto Daniel, ‘May your God whom you continually serve, deliver you.’”* Daniel 6:16 He's lamenting what he's having to do.

“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 signet of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed.” Daniel 6:17

In those days, lions' dens had two compartments with a moveable wall between the compartments. They would put the food on one side of the compartment. They would lift that wall and the lion would go over to eat the food. They'd drop the wall and clean that part of the pit where he had been. When he finished eating, they would lift the wall and

he would move back over. They would seal it with a stone. There is a stone now over the entrance of this pit. Maybe you're in the lion's den. It's not a literal lion. There are other kinds of lions.

“Then 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. At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den.” Daniel 6:18-19

We're told three things about King Darius that night. He didn't eat. He spent the night fasting. He had no appetite for food. No instruments were brought for him. He had no desire to be entertained with music. He was not interested in music that night. Sleep went from him. He went through the whole night and he couldn't sleep. The lions wanted to eat, but couldn't. The king could eat, but wouldn't. It was a unique night in Persia. And not only was he protected from the law and from the lions, but he was protected by the Lord.

3. He Was Protected Because Of His Confidence In God.

The next morning the king believes he will hear the roaring of lions, *“When 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?’” Daniel 6:20*

Can your God deliver? Is God able? Do you have a God that can deliver you from the den of lions?

“Daniel answered, ‘May the king live forever! My 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.’” Daniel 6:21

Hebrews 11:33 says, *“Through faith he stopped the mouths of lions.”*

Our God is able. He is able to save the sinner. He is able to bind the devil. He is able to heal the sick. He is able to mend the broken relationships. He is able to revive the church. He is able to alter the destiny of nations. *“He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20*

“And God is able to make all grace abound towards you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Look at the word “all.” It appears three times—“all grace,” “all sufficiency,” and “all things.” Look at the word “abound.” It appears twice in this verse. Then look at the word “always.” This is a verse of maximums. It is a verse of superlatives. It is a verse that underscores the sovereignty and the omnipotence of God.

One reason I like this verse is because it lets me know that, in God, I am strong. Paul says, *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthen me.” Philippians 4:13*

It is a verse of scripture, which gives me that assurance of power as a Christian. What a tremendous thought to know that, in Christ, I am strong.

“My 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.” Daniel 6:22

Courage is not summoned in a moment; courage is developed through a lifetime of small, brave decisions. What you do when you face opposition, adversity, and difficulty in the small things trains your heart in a pattern that becomes easier and easier to repeat

He knew what gave him value. It gave him clarity about his life. He knew who he was. He did not derive his value from his position or what he earned. His identity was not related only to his work. He knew in his heart that his value came from his God. He had an excellent spirit and a good attitude. He moved through all the debris of his generation

without it getting in him. God is still using him, and God is still blessing him. He is put at a place of authority and responsibility even in his later years.

He walked with royalty, and he did so with dignity and with purpose amidst a Godless society. This is one of the things that characterized him. He maintained an unblemished testimony. He kept himself unspotted from the world. He walked so that no one, not even his enemies, could find any fault with him. They brought many charges, but they were never able to make anything stick against him.

Paul spoke about his own lion's den. *"At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth."* 2 Timothy 4:17

There are other lions besides literal lions. You're in the lion's den? Maybe you're in the lion's den of health problems. Maybe you're in the lion's den of difficulties at your job. You may even be in a lion's den of family issues. Some of you may be in the lion's den of persecution at school where you attend. You're in the lion's den. And the question is, "Can God deliver from the den of lions?"

The famed London preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, observed that it was a good thing the lions didn't try to eat Daniel, because they would not have enjoyed him. He was half grit and the other half backbone.

"The king was overjoyed for him, and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, and no wound was found on him because he had trusted God." Daniel 6:23

The last phrase of verse 23 is the most important phrase in the story: *"Because he believed in his God."* Daniel 6:23

Do we believe in our God? When we go through our problems, do we believe in our God? When we're thrown into our lion's den and it looks like it's the end and there is no hope, can we still believe in God? Do we have the overcomer spirit that says we are more than conquerors? And no matter what comes against us, no matter what the enemy throws at us, no matter what we face from day to day, we stand in power and in strength because the Lord our God fights for us. We aren't going to trust him because we know what He is going to do. We're going to trust him because of who He is.

A Sunday school teacher once asked her class why Daniel wasn't afraid when he was thrown into the lions' den, and one little girl said, "Because the Lion of the Tribe of Judah was in there with him." Overcomers are promoted and persecuted and persistent. We know what this is about, and they're protected, but overcomers are powerful. Watch this. "The king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions: them, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den." Daniel 6:24 Someone has said the lions got their reward. Instead of one tough old Jew, they devoured for breakfast the spineless men who had accused Daniel, and they devoured them before they hit the ground.

Look what happened to the accusers in verse 24. They brought the accusers and cast threw into the den with their children and wives. The Bible says, *"At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones."* Daniel 6:24

If you don't know the Lord, you're headed for a den of lions also. One of these days, you'll head for that den of sickness, but there will be no God to heal. If you don't know the Lord, one of these days you'll head for that den of death, but there will be no God to walk through the valley with you. And if you don't know the Lord and die outside of the Lord Jesus Christ, you'll go into the den of hell, but there will be no God who can rescue you.

"I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end."

He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions. So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.” Daniel 6:25-27

This chapter started with a prohibition on prayer to God but ends with a pagan King preaching a sermon about God’s providence and protection. Darius declares that God is:

He’s Global – He’s the God of “*all the peoples, nations, and languages in all the earth.*” He’s not a tribal deity, only for the Jews.

He’s Personal – he’s “*the living God*” He is not like those Babylonian and Persian gods that cannot speak or relate to humans that you have to carry around from place to place. He is a living, active, speaking God.

He’s Eternal – “*enduring forever.*” The God of Heaven, not the King, lives forever.

He’s Sovereign: “*his kingdom shall never be destroyed*”

He’s Faithful – “*he delivers and rescues*” his people.

He’s All powerful– Darius says, “*he works signs and wonders in heaven and earth.*”

Darius says, he’s the Savior – he “saved Daniel.” This is a rescuing, delivering, powerful God, ready to help all those who call on him.

Daniel is the book in the Bible where we see amazing sermons preached by formerly pagan Kings.

The kings learn the lessons of the sermons as Daniel and his friends live with consistency and courage. This is what God promises will happen around us if we live like they did, if we shine our lights like they shone in Babylon.

The God you serve is an overcoming God. There aren't any lions in your life that He isn't capable of defeating. There aren't any wild beasts that you face, whether it's in your temperament, in your background, in your situation at home that is too much for God. If God can shut the mouths of hungry lions and preserve his prophet, which we know He did, He is capable of caring for every need that you have. If you feel overwhelmed with life, and you don't feel like an overcomer but like you're down under the circumstances, I am here to tell you that the God we celebrate in these events wants to be your God!

If you've trusted Him as your personal Savior, He is here for you. He wants to help you, but you have to cooperate with Him. You don't get to call the shots. You don't get to go and say, “God, I want You to help me, and here is how I want you to do it.” You go to God and say, “Lord God, I need You. You show me what to do, and I will do it.” If you will do that, God will give you the direction you need for your life. He will show you the next step. He will take you to the next place. He will help you go back and fix the things that are wrong and build on those things for a future that brings glory to His name.

If you do not know Jesus Christ, the same Jesus Christ who has the power to come out of the grave victorious over death is the Jesus Christ who wants to give you victory in your life! The Bible says that because He lives, we also can live. That means that if I put my trust in Jesus Christ as my Savior, I can live and have eternal life.