

Unshakeable Unbreakable: How To Thrive In Our World When Fear Keeps You From Sharing Your Faith

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Before every blessing there is always a _____.

God _____ us with stress before he
_____ us with success.

Why did Daniel keep getting promoted at work?

1. His _____ of work made him stand out.

Daniel 6:3 - 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.

2. His outstanding _____ made him stand out.

Daniel 6:4 - 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.

3. His personal _____ to God made him stand out.

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."

A trap to get Daniel

Daniel 6:6-9- So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and said: "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ The royal administrators, . . . all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸ Now, O king, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered – in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." ⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

How did Daniel respond?

Daniel 6:10-11 - 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**. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

Why was Daniel unafraid to stand out and speak up for God?

1. He remembered that God was _____ in the past.
2. He had a conversation with God _____ times a day.

The secret of standing strong is kneeling down.

Three benefits every time I stand for God:

1. Standing for God is a _____ over fear.
 - Fear is just a feeling & it cannot last.
 - Fear is uncomfortable, but it won't kill you.
 - Fear grows when I give into it, but lessens when I move against it.

Pray like the first Christians:

Acts 4:29-30- Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.

2. It gives God an opportunity to _____ a miracle.

Daniel 6:19-23- At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ 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?" ²¹ Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! ²² 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, O king." ²³ The 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.

3. It's a powerful example to _____.

Acts 4:13- "When the Council saw **the boldness** of Peter and John, **they were amazed**, since they knew they were just ordinary men **but they had been with Jesus!**"

- The King becomes a believer! *Daniel 6:25-28*
"He is the God **who rescues and saves!**"
- Then 18 generations later! *Matthew 2:1-2*