

## Daniel in the Lions' Den

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### Daniel 6

- Read Daniel 6:1-11
- The consistency of Daniel's faith
  - In verse 4, we see that the Persian officials weren't able to find any fault in Daniel. How can we pursue that kind of integrity in our lives? What are some things that stand in the way?
  - We see from verses 1-3 that Daniel was a high government official in Persia, and he is a man of faith in God. What effect should our faith have on work life? What about our political involvement?
  - Should we, as Christians, work to be well-thought-of in society, or should we not care what people say so long as we are pursuing God (will our pursuit of God make us well-thought-of in society)?
- Daily Rhythm of his Pursuit
  - We see in the passage that Daniel doesn't change his daily rhythms even in the face of opposition. What are some things that stand in the way of our pursuit of God, and what can we do about it?
  - We see in our passage patriotic duty conflicting with Daniel's pursuit of God. Does patriotic expectation conflict with our pursuit of God here in the states? If so, in what way? What do we do when faced with this kind of conflict?
  - What are some daily rhythms you've developed, or that you've tried to develop, to help you in your pursuit of God?
- Daniel Prayed and Gave Thanks
  - We see, in verse 10 Daniel giving thanks to God even when he knows he will be killed for the prayer. Why would he give thanks for such a dire situation—what does he have to be thankful for, and how does this apply to our lives?
  - When Daniel prays, he gets down on his knees towards Jerusalem—why? Does our posture matter when we pray or worship? Why do we do the things we do—bowed head, closed eyes, clasped hands—and what might we change?
  - What are some practices or realizations which have improved your prayer life, or that you've thought of trying?