

When the Lions Come

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Daniel 6

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1. DANIEL'S CHARACTER COULD SURVIVE INVESTIGATION

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom;

2 and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss.

3 Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

4 Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.

5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."

2. YOUR PRACTICE PREACHES BEFORE YOU DO

6 Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever!"

7 All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked."

9 Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.

10 When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. Daniel 6:10

3. WHAT IS YOUR PRACTICE BEFORE THE CRISIS?

The habits you practice in ordinary seasons become anchors in extraordinary seasons.

4. DANIEL PRAYED AND GAVE THANKS

Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Daniel 6:10b (NIV)

Gratitude reorients us

5. FAITHFULNESS DOESN'T ALWAYS KEEP YOU OUT OF THE DEN

13 Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him.

16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!"

6. THE KING CAN'T SLEEP — DANIEL CAN

17 And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

7. GOD SHUT THE LIONS' MOUTHS

"O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

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22 My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

The thing that looks uncontrollable to you is not uncontrollable to God.

8. PRAYER DOESN'T ALWAYS CHANGE THE CIRCUMSTANCES FIRST

Is prayer changing my situation, or is prayer changing me?

9. THE LIONS DON'T GET THE FINAL WORD

25 Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you.

26 I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end.

27 He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

10. WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN THE LAW CHANGES?

"Just as he had done before."