



PART 3

THE EXILE

Dare to be a Daniel

The story of Daniel in the lion's den is one of the most loved and well known in the entire Bible. Daniel defies King Darius's decree that the people should pray only to the king for 30 days. Daniel continues to pray to God as he has always done. Daniel's enemies, who were jealous of him, entrap him and report him to the authorities. Darius is forced to carry out the judgment of putting Daniel into a den of lions where he would be torn to pieces. God rescues Daniel, sending his angel to shut the mouths of the lions so they do not harm him. Daniel is removed from the lion's den the next day, much to the relief of King Darius. We see Daniel trust God in the midst of a lion's den, but his trust was formed in the rhythm of a daily habit of a spiritual discipline.

Scripture: Daniel 6

Reflection :

Questions :

1. What did Daniel's enemies say about him? If you were to be put on trial for being a Christian, what evidence would your accusers use against you?
2. Where should we draw the line in obeying or disobeying the laws of our land?
3. How did Daniel show he trusted God on a daily basis? What are the benefits of a regular daily prayer habit in your journey to trust God?
4. By continuing to pray openly three times a day, both believers and unbelievers witnessed Daniel's consistency. From observing you, what can unbelievers determine about your life?
5. Are there times when a better strategy might be to close the windows, draw the curtains and pray to God in secret?
6. In your own life, have you ever experienced God in the midst of a "lion's den"? Has your lifeline ever been only God and God alone?
7. Read Daniel 6:26-27. What does King Darius's new decree tell you about God? What are you facing this week that you need God to intervene to rescue and save you from "the power of the lions"?