

TRUSTING GOD WHEN EVIL ABOUNDS

Daniel 6

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- How do you resist succumbing to temptation?
- Can faith in Jesus Christ ever feel like a liability? Why or why not?

Babylonian officials were threatened by Daniel's excellent work ethic and character, so they took advantage of King Darius' vanity in order to plot against Daniel. However, in spite of persecution, Daniel's faithfulness to God never wavered. Nor did God's faithfulness to him. God intervened and preserved Daniel's life in the lions' den. Daniel's miraculous experience is a reminder that our faith is not a liability or weakness, but is actually our greatest source of strength and perseverance.

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Reflection

After listening, consider:

- Daniel used his God-given gifts and talents to serve the Babylonian kings with excellence. His example reminds us that we can honor God in all kinds of jobs, roles, and settings. Think about all the different ways you serve in your life: how can you honor God in these roles?
- Throughout the book of Daniel, we witness how Daniel did not hide his faith. Daniel lived his life according to his beliefs even when it made him stand out. Reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus. How is Daniel similar to Jesus? How did Jesus stand out from other religious leaders by what he said and did? How might you live out your faith like Daniel and Jesus?
- King Darius regretted making his decree as soon as he found out it meant Daniel would be thrown into the lions' den. What sort of character traits and practices can protect us from being manipulated the way King Darius was? Have you had someone try to manipulate you or your faith for their own ends? How did you realize what was happening?
- In segment 3, hosts Darrell Delaney and Scott Hoezee describe the events in Daniel 6 as the result of a "spiral of evil." What did they mean by that? Have you personally experienced or witnessed something's negative impact spread to other relationships and situations?

Related Passages

- **Daniel 2:36-43**
- **Matthew 5:10-16**
- **1 Peter 2:12**

- **Romans 1:16**
- **Isaiah 11:6-9**

Conclusion

Read Galatians 5:13-26 and compare the descriptions of living according to the flesh versus living in step with the Spirit. What are the consequences for a community of people who live according to the flesh? What about a community who lives in step with the Spirit? Though evil deeds and plans can spiral out of control, goodness can also grow and spread exponentially. Reflect on a time that you saw goodness multiply and spread throughout a community. Which of the fruits of the Spirit did you see? Conclude your time of reflection in prayer, offering God praise and thanks for this testimony of his grace and seeking the Holy Spirit's help in cultivating the faith to trust God in all circumstances of your own life.

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