



Devoted: God's Got It

Daniel 6

Read Daniel 6:1-10 together:

*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."
6 Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement[a] 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.*

- ? How would you describe Daniel?
- ? What was Daniel's platform or place of power and influence?

Context:

- ? Have you ever heard a famous person or friend share a particularly powerful testimony to God's greatness and faithfulness? What was it about the testimony that made it so powerful?
- ? How do you think the story of God's work in Daniel's life previously prepared him for the circumstances of Daniel 6?

Daniel 2:20-23

*"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; **22** he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. **23** To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter."*

- ? What similarities do you see between the song "In Christ Alone" by Brian Littrell and Daniel's praise to our God in Daniel 2:20-23?

*In Christ alone
I place my trust
And find my glory in the power of the cross
In every victory
Let it be said of me
My source of strength
My source of hope
Is Christ alone*

Content:

Consider Daniel 6.

- ? Why does Daniel stand out among the satraps and the officials?
- ? What is the goal of the satraps and high officials?
- ? What does Daniel do in verse 10 when he hears about the new rule?
- ? Daniel runs to God as his refuge and rests in God's plan. Do you run to God as your refuge when faced with challenges, suffering, and persecution?
- ? Read Daniel 6:22. After Daniel's night in the lion's den, what does he proclaim?

Application:

God has given you a powerful story.

- ? Daniel raises an ebozezer (a praise or remembrance) to God for his faithfulness. In what circumstances do you need to boldly share your story of God's faithfulness?
- ? How might you respond like Daniel in the face of persecution?
- ? What can you do now to be prepared to share about God with others?

God has given you a platform.

- ? What kind of platform—large or small—have you been given?
- ? Who is an example in the Bible of someone with a large platform? Who is an example of someone in the Bible with a small platform? How does God use these platforms?
- ? What would it look like to misuse your platform?
- ? What would it look like to be faithful with your platform?

? What hindrances would you need to overcome to use your platform well to tell God's powerful story?

Close in prayer, asking God for the courage to boldly proclaim his glory through your story using whatever platform or influence you have!