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Daniel – Keep Trusting

Discussion Points

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Read & Reflect:

1. Read Daniel 6, mindful that this story (and the whole book) was meant to be reflective and instructive for God's people Israel as they wrestled with being in exile; that is, placed out of the promised land, left wondering how to live in this strange and uncomfortable world of Babylon, with a most prominent question being, "What or who will save us?"
2. Reflect on the story of Daniel and list as many parallels to Jesus' story (specifically his crucifixion and resurrection). What do these parallels tell you about the prophetic message of the book of Daniel?

Explore:

3. How do you think you would have handled it if you had been Daniel and prayer had been outlawed?
4. If there was a lion waiting to devour me for my faith right now it would be:
 - Circumstances at work or at school
 - My own lack of commitment
 - Bad relationship(s) at home
 - Worry about my future well-being
5. What is the role of a Christian in the public square? For example, what do you expect of yourself as a Christian in the broader community?
 - I should be transforming society
 - I should be separate from society
 - I should be a good witness in society
 - I should fit in with society
6. If you are faithful to God and boldly enter a lion's den (figuratively) will God always preserve you or cause things to turn out well? If so, what do you say to a Christian martyr? If not, what does that say about why you should trust God?

Pray:

- In what way could you make a commitment to increase your prayer life? How can you make yourself accountable for it?
- If you are in a group, pray for each other according to the things that have been shared in question 4.