









**BIBLE EXPLORATION**

Daniel’s integrity and faithfulness to God made him a target for those who hated him, yet his continued faith caused the entire kingdom to learn about the one true God.

Read Daniel 6:1–15.

Verse 3 says that King Darius planned to eventually appoint Daniel over the entire kingdom because of his extraordinary spirit. **How did the other commissioners and satraps respond to this news? Why do you think they acted this way?**

The commissioners and satraps became so jealous of Daniel that they tried to find ways to accuse him of corruption. **What did they realize about Daniel’s life in the process? How do their observations about Daniel’s life show us about walking in integrity?**

Daniel’s reputation was so strong that the other administrators couldn’t find anything to accuse him of—the only way they could win was to involve his devotion to God. **In what ways, if any, have you endured unfair treatment or a soiled reputation due to another person’s jealousy or disdain? How did you choose to rely on God during this experience?**

The commissioners were so jealous of Daniel’s prominence in the kingdom that they tricked the king into signing a law that would not only get Daniel in trouble, but also couldn’t be revoked or changed. **How did the king react once he realized Daniel would be in trouble due to his signing of this law? Why do you think it is important for us to know his reaction?**

Read verses 16–28.

Daniel remained faithful even when death was possibly around the corner. **In what ways have you found it easy or difficult to remain faithful to God amid danger or intimidation?**

**In verses 16–18, how did the king react to Daniel being thrown in the lion’s den? How does the king’s reaction reflect the positive influence Daniel had on his life?**

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In verses 21–23, Daniel tells the king that no harm was done to him because God saw him as innocent. The Lord saved Daniel and simultaneously displayed his power. **In what ways has God’s provision and protection positively impacted your character in someone else’s eyes?**

Despite the harsh and unfair command, Daniel remained faithful to God instead of focusing on the actions of the other commissioners. **In what ways could you continue to show faithful obedience when enduring harsh treatment?**

**What happened to the commissioners who sought to get Daniel killed? How did King Darius punish them for what happened?**

In the end, Daniel enjoyed success and King Darius praised God as the true living God and decreed that all people of his kingdom would revere and worship him as such. **What does Daniel’s story show us about the power and impact of being obedient? How does his story show us that faithful obedience is worth it?**

Sometimes being bold in our faith like Daniel can be scary and even incite our enemies to bring us down. But in the end, God’s love for us not only impacts our life, but it also allows others to see his goodness as well. **What could it look like for you to be bold in your faith this week? How can your faith impact those around you?**

## **LAST WORD**

In this series, we’ve seen a remarkable example of faithful obedience from Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We’ve learned that God is always in control. The positions we find ourselves in are part of his plan to influence and impact those around us through our confident display of obedience to his commands.

The journey of faithful obedience to God is going to be challenging. As Sadie stated, we live in a culture that hates God—and as believers, we have to stand firm in our faith knowing that the culture will try to pressure us into compromising. But as we learned in the book of Daniel, an uncompromising faith is worth it, and God is always on our side.

## **DEEPER WALK**

**Read:** Read Daniel 6 in its entirety. Write down five things you've taken away from the life of Daniel from this series as a whole.

**Pray:** Pray and ask God to help you be a constant representation of his love. Ask him for the courage and confidence it takes to remain faithfully obedient.

**Memorize:** Memorize Sadie's statement: "Courage is not always public or dramatic. Oftentimes it's not even popular. Sometimes it just means obeying God in the little things and through difficult situations."

**Obey:** Considering everything you've learned about faithful obedience in this series, think about some areas in life where you might be struggling to obey God fully. Commit to surrender to him and trust that your obedience to him will be worth it.