

Conviction Message 6

Perry Duggar March 3, 2019

# Outline

But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open towards Jerusalem. ... Daniel 6:10a (NLT)

> "... when you fear God, you fear nothing else, ... if you do not fear God, you fear everything else." – Oswald Chambers

A. Background

(Daniel 6:1-9)

- B. Living with Christian conviction includes... (Daniel 6:4-28. C/R: Colossians 3:23-24)
  - 1. Realizing I may be \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 6:4-9. C/R: Exodus 20:1-6; John 15:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:15-16)

2. Refusing to \_\_\_\_\_ my faith. (Daniel 6:10. C/R: 1 Kings 8:28-30; Matthew 5:16; Acts 5:29; 1 Peter 2:12; 3:14-16)

3. Relying on God for the \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 6:16-23. C/R: Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 10:28; Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 13:5b-6)

Result: Daniel 6:24-28. C/R: Proverbs 11:8.

Answers: 1. mistreated 2. conceal 3. outcome

**Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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# **Discussion Guide**

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at <u>biblegateway.com</u>, <u>biblestudytools.com</u>, or <u>bible.com</u>. **Find a Small Group** at <u>brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups</u>.

#### **Conversation Starter**

It was a huge step of faith when I\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Opening in Prayer**

I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in Your word. My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promises.

Psalm 119:147-148 (NIV)

Spend a few moments in prayer asking God to guide your time in His Word.

## **Personal Reflection/Group Discussion**

- 1. Trace Daniel's political career by reading <u>Daniel 1:3-4</u>, <u>19-20</u>; <u>2:48-49</u>; <u>4:9</u>; <u>5:29</u>; and <u>6:1-3</u>, <u>28</u>. What does this tell you about Daniel? What does it tell you about God and the theme of the book of Daniel?
- 2. From what you know of Daniel so far, does his description in <u>6:1-5</u> surprise you? Read <u>1 Peter 2:11-12</u>. How well does Daniel live this out? How well do you?

#### Read Daniel 6:4-15.

- 3. Why was Daniel thrown into the lion's den? What does this tell you about some of the trials you face? *See also*: <u>Matthew 10:16-28</u>.
- 4. What are various ways Daniel could have responded to the king's decree? What do you think it was like for Daniel to respond the way he did?
- 5. What opposition do you face in living for Jesus (e.g., at work, home, with friends, family, etc.)? What would it look like to live out the quiet faithfulness of Daniel in these circumstances?

## Read Daniel <u>6:16-28</u>.

- 6. Summarize what happened.
- 7. What lessons or truths is God trying to teach us in <u>Daniel chapter 6</u>?
- 8. What does it look like and feel like to trust God?
- 9. How can you incorporate more of the example of Daniel in your prayer life?
- 10. What do you need to remember most about this story? How will this story impact your relationship with Jesus?

# **Soul Training**

Each day this week, before you hit the ground running, pause and ask God to help you become more aware of His presence throughout the day. Then as you go through the day, get in the habit of asking God, *what are You up to here? What do You want me to know? How do You want me to respond*? The goal here is to cultivate a more ongoing, conversational relationship with God in your everyday life and to grow in faithfulness as He leads you.

## **Memory Verse**

Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety.

Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)

# **Daily Reading**

Day 1: <u>Isaiah 43:1-13</u> Day 2: <u>Psalm 31:1-5,19-24</u> Day 3: <u>Psalm 19:1-14</u> Day 4: <u>1 Peter 3:13-17</u> Day 5: <u>Hebrews 13:18-21</u>

#### **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, March 10, we'll consider Daniel's humble and honest prayer of CONFESSION found in **Daniel chapter 9**.



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