

NO MATTER WHAT

Part 6 of 8: Will You Stand Strong for God Publicly?

REFLECTION #1: What is the primary characteristic that we observe from Daniel in his relationship with King Nebuchadnezzar, King Belshazzar, and now with Darius and Cyrus?

- His _____ to God.

Daniel 6:5 *His coworkers concluded, 'our only chance of finding any grounds to get rid of Daniel will be to find something to accuse in his religious practices.'*

Daniel 6:6 – 9 *The officials who wanted Daniel removed from office went to the king, and they said, King Darius, live forever! We've convened to everyone, and we've all agreed that for the next thirty days everyone should pray to you. '...And we think that you should issue an edict saying that anyone who disobeys your order by praying to anyone else will be tossed into the pit where your lions are kept... And, let's put this decree in writing so it can't be altered or repealed according to the laws of the Medes and the Persians.' That's exactly what King Darius did.*

REFLECTION #2: What were some of Daniel's options?

1. He could _____ the law.
2. He could _____ the law.
3. He could _____ to the king.
4. He could just _____ to God for 30 days.
5. He could keep praying to God but just do it in _____.
6. Keep praying in _____ as he has done all his life.

REFLECTION #3: Which of those six options would you have chosen?

Daniel 6:10 *When Daniel learned that the new law had been signed, he went home and knelt down to pray as usual in his upstairs room, with his windows wide open toward Jerusalem.*

REFLECTION #4: Why was Daniel unafraid?

1. He remembered that God was faithful in the past.
2. He had a conversation with God three times a day.

MESSAGE IN A SENTENCE: *The secret of standing strong is kneeling often.*

Daniel 6:25-28 *Then King Darius sent this proclamation to every nation, race, and language on earth: 'I decree that the God of Daniel is to be honored and worshiped in every part of my kingdom. For He is the living God... He's the One who endures forever; His kingdom will outlast all the human kingdoms. ... He is a God who rescues and saves. He does miracles just as He rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.' So Daniel continued to be successful during the reign of King Darius and then in the following reign of Cyrus the Persian.*

Matthew 2:1-2 *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men from the East came.*