



GROW. PRAY. SERVE.

Message: God Will Get Me Out of This

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PRAYER: God, you are gracious. Thank you for your healing and deliverance. Thank you for the healing I will experience today. I claim it in advance. Cleanse me now of any sadness, negative thinking or despair. Give me now your love, joy, and peace. Come Holy Spirit and renew me, fill me with your power, your life and your joy. Strengthen me where I am weak and clothe me with your light. Now Lord, send your holy angels to minister to me and protect me from all harm. I thank you and praise you my Lord, God and King. In the Mighty, Miraculous and Matchless Name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Have you ever had a habit that got you into trouble?

BIBLE STUDY: Read Daniel 6:11-16

1. Daniel's habit of prayer got him into trouble. He had been promoted to the #3 position in the Babylonian empire just minutes before it all collapsed before the military onslaught of the Persians. Darius, the new king reorganized the entire kingdom. Has your company ever been purchased by another company? How did you feel when the reorganization was announced? How does Daniel end up in the new reorganization?
2. Read Daniel 6:3-4. Why would the king plan to promote Daniel while his fellow administrators and subordinates plot against him? Have you ever experienced envy from others when God blessed you? How did you handle it? Notice that the king set up three administrators; 2 of them plotted against Daniel. Has anything like this ever happened to you at work?
3. Read Daniel 6:5. How did the other leaders know about Daniel's God? These other administrators attacked Daniel based purely on his religious beliefs and persuaded the king to enter this decree by appealing to the king's ego. What was Daniel's response? Read Daniel 6:10-11.
4. Read Daniel 6:11-12. Why did the men go "as a group" to watch Daniel pray? Why do you think they asked the king to confirm the text of the law before reporting Daniel's violation? Read Daniel 6:15-16. When you face trouble, to whom do you first turn? Did King Darius do the right thing by ordering Daniel to be thrown to the lions, and leaving it in God's hands?
5. Read Daniel 6:19-22. Why was Daniel saved from the lions? Do you agree with Daniel's statement of the reasons why he was saved? Read Daniel 6:23. What reason is given here for Daniel being saved from the lions? Having the king as his ally could not save him. Only God in heaven could save Daniel. Will you keep that in mind the next time you are in trouble?

CHALLENGE: What trouble do you face now? Can you trust God in it and remain faithful?

SERVE: Ask your group how you can pray for them during their challenges. Do it today.