**Once Upon A Time … God Delivered Daniel from the Lions’ Den**

Daniel 6

**Daniel 6:17 (ESV)**And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

**Daniel 6:18 (ESV)**Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

**Daniel 6:19 (ESV)**Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions.

**Daniel 6:20 (ESV)**As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

**Daniel 6:21 (ESV)**Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever!

**Daniel 6:22 (ESV)**My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before Him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”

**1. Daniel’s Trustworthiness**

**Daniel 6:3 (ESV)**Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

**Daniel 6:4 (ESV)**Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.

**Daniel 6:5 (ESV)**Then these men said, “We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.”

**Matthew 6:33 (ESV)**But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**2. Daniel’s Tenacity**

**Daniel 6:10 (ESV)**When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

**Acts 5:29 (ESV)**But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.

**3. Daniel’s Testimony**

**Daniel 6:13 (ESV)**Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

**Daniel 6:14 (ESV)**Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him.

**Daniel 6:15 (ESV)**Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

**Daniel 6:16 (ESV)**Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!”

**1 Peter 4:14 (ESV)**If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

**1 Peter 4:15 (ESV)**But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.

**1 Peter 4:16 (ESV)**Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

**4. Daniel’s Test**

**Daniel 6:22 (ESV)**My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before Him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”

**2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV)**Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

**5. Daniel’s Triumph**

**Daniel 6:23 (ESV)**Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

**Daniel 6:26 (ESV)
“**I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for He is the living God, enduring forever; His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and His dominion shall be to the end.

**Daniel 6:27 (ESV)**He delivers and rescues; He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, He who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”

**Daniel 6:28 (ESV)**So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

**Revelation 11:15 (ESV)**Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.”