

Epic Tales

Tales from the Den

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‘...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 6:23

The terms ‘good’ and ‘bad’ king mean:

Good = _____ people to God

Bad = _____ lead people to God

King Nebuchadnezzar was trying to _____ Israel by indoctrinating them into the _____ of Babylon.

Everything that defined the Israelites was taken _____. Yet, they _____ to forget who they were and more importantly _____ they were.

The Israelites _____ God to provide for them when they stepped out in _____ to remain obedient to God.

When we go through tough times it’s easy to forget _____ we are and who we _____ to.

First lesson: _____ who you are and _____ you belong to.

What defines us is how we live in relationship with _____, with His _____, and the _____.

We need to _____ to the spiritual disciplines that keep us in a _____ relationship with God (pray, read scripture, etc)

Daniel’s _____ to God during _____ times brought him to a place of authority and influence. Yet as a leader Daniel remained _____ to God.

Second Lesson: We need to _____ and _____.

We need to be willing to stand up, kneel, or sit and _____.

Daniel’s situation reminds us that God was/is more _____ than the powers of this world.

Third Lesson: God is _____ than any power we see in this world.

We need to stand firm in our _____ and allow our relationship with _____ to define us.

Daniel’s story isn’t just an epic tale of God’s protection. It is a story that invites us to stand _____ in every situation because God’s _____ will be there to strengthen us.

When you face _____ times, don’t forget who you are in _____.

Be assured God’s power is _____ than any and all powers in the world & know that _____ stands with you!

Reflect on these questions this week:

- What defines you as a follower of Jesus?
- Daniel was aware of the risk of continuing to pray to God after the king’s decree. So, why did he continue to pray even though the law forbade it?
- How is Daniel’s story an encouragement to scattered Israel? How about encouragement for you?