

# 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 the 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?