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Sermon Series: The Power of Prayer - Three Lives, One God

Sermon Title: The Prayer of Steadfastness and Victory

Scripture Reference: Daniel 6

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Introduction:

Daniel 6 reminds us that difficult times can test our faith in God and challenge us to keep praying. Steadfast prayer shows trust even when life is hard or uncertain. Daniel's story encourages everyone to rely on God's strength and faithfulness no matter what happens.

1. Daniel Promoted

When the Spirit of God is with us, we are given a spirit of excellence that leads to promotion and favor. However, the world often tries to bring down those who stand out or achieve success.

2. The administrators plot to remove Daniel (Daniel 6:4-15)

Daniel's enemies could not find any fault or corruption in him because he was trustworthy and faithful in all he did so they focused on his religious practices to trap him. "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

2.1 Decree Issued

When the decree was issued by King Darius, it was according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which means it could not be changed or canceled. Once the decree was signed, not even the king himself could alter it, making the law absolute and final.

2.2 Daniel's response

Daniel responded by praying and giving thanks to God, just as he always had, without changing his routine. He remained consistent in prayer, faithfully kneeling and seeking God three times a day despite the new law.

3. Daniel was thrown into the lion's den and was preserved

The king was deeply distressed when Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, feeling helpless to save him. He recognized that only Daniel's God could rescue him, saying, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!".

Conclusion:

Let us fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith, just as Paul encouraged in 2 Timothy 4:7. Trust that God is able to keep us from stumbling and will help us finish well, as promised in Jude 24.

Suggested Discussion Questions:

(Discussion leaders may feel free to adapt the questions to suit their small groups)

1. How can we stay true to our faith when friends or others try to pressure us to do something different?
2. What helps you keep praying and trusting God, even when it feels hard or scary?
3. Why do you think Daniel kept doing what was right, even when it could have gotten him into trouble?

DBS/BOBILA Questions

1. What does this passage say about God?
2. What does this passage say about man?
3. Based on this passage, what are you doing well?
4. Based on this passage, how can you improve?
5. With whom/when/where/how can you share this message?

Note: Every LG is free to decide on which set of questions (LGD questions or DBS questions) is to be used for LG discussion.