

TAMING YOUR LIONS

Daniel 6
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INTRO:

1. A **changing** culture
2. A **challenging** culture

A. PRAYER IS A POSTURE OF **HUMILITY**

1. Daniel's **posture** in public (Daniel 1:3-6; 5:11)
2. Daniel's **posture** in private (Daniel 6:10)

B. PRAYER PROMOTES **INTEGRITY**

1. Daniel's **commitment** to integrity (Daniel 1:8)
2. Daniel's **consistency** with integrity (Daniel 6:3-5)

C. PRAYER PREPARES US FOR **ADVERSITY**

1. Daniel's **decision** to pray (Daniel 6:10a)
2. Daniel's **demeanor** to pray (Daniel 6:10b)
3. Daniel's **determination** to pray (Daniel 6:10c)

D. PRAYER PRODUCES **VICTORY**

1. God **protected** Daniel (Daniel 6:19-23)
2. God **promoted** Daniel (Daniel 6:25-27)
3. God **prospered** Daniel (Daniel 6:28)

CONCLUSION

Tabletalk

After many years of God sending prophets to warn Israel and Judah to repent and return to Him, God had no choice but to allow them to endure those consequences. First, Assyria conquered the northern kingdom of Israel. Her citizens were deported and resettled in the land of Assyria ([2 Kings 15:29](#); [2 Kings 17:3–6](#)). Eventually, the southern kingdom of Judah was also conquered and deported to Babylonia ([2 Kings 24:12–14](#); [2 Kings 25:11, 21](#)). Daniel, now an older man in the service of the Medo-Persian Empire, is the focus of this session. Time and again throughout the Book of Daniel, he boldly demonstrated his faith in God despite the pagan culture in which he was living.

1. Share about a situation when your prayer was focused and sincere, maybe even frantic.
2. If someone were to watch you pray regularly, as they did Daniel, what might they see?
3. Read [Daniel 6:3–5](#).

* Have you ever had someone come against you simply because you were doing what was right? Explain.

* Why is it hard to remember where the attacks are coming from rather than blame God for your hardships?

4. Read [Daniel 6:6–11](#).

* If you learned today that you would either have to stop praying or be killed, how would you feel and what would you do?

5. Read [Daniel 6:12–14](#).

* If all your problems could always be taken away by your own efforts or by those around you, how would that affect your relationship with God?

* When God allows you to struggle without offering a clear escape, what are some ways you can demonstrate your hope in Him to redeem the situation?

6. Read [Daniel 6:16, 19–23](#).

* Have you considered how your prayers affect others? Explain.

* Are you praying about a certain area of your life that also requires God to be at work in someone else's life? Share about it if appropriate.

7. Read [Daniel 6:25–27](#).

* How have you seen God answer your prayers in a miraculous way?

* When God answers your prayers, how can you practically talk about Him with your family and friends? Are the people at work, in your school, or around your neighborhood aware of God's work in your life?