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What this message is about

By the power of God in his life Daniel spoke his faith and lived his faith with consistency. This earned him respect but also created enemies.

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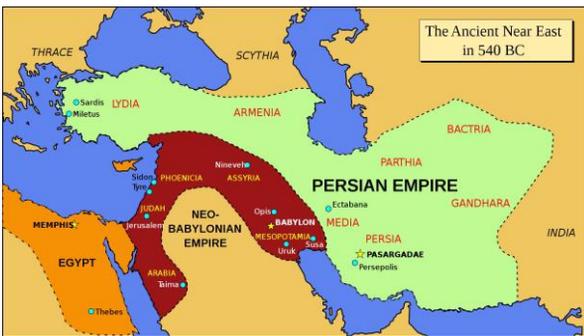
To him God was worth the price of his life but God delivered him and brought immediate judgment to his enemies.

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Purpose of this message

To demonstrate through Daniel's experience that God rewards faithfulness to him.

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1. Daniel had an excellent spirit in him and so do we.

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. Dan. 6:3 ESV

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1. Daniel had an excellent spirit in him and so do we.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

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¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. -Rom. 8:14-17 ESV

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2. Excellence creates enemies

Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, - Dan. 6:4 ESV

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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.” Dan. 6:13 ESV

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3. Daniel was public with his faith and consistent with his life

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3. Daniel was public with his faith and consistent with his life but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. ⁵ Then these men said,

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**3. Daniel was public with his faith and consistent with his life
“We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.”**

Dan. 6:4-5 ESV

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**The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!”
- Dan. 6:16b**

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Gal. 5:22 ESV

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Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Col. 4:5-6 NLT

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4. God is worthy to live for. . . Or to die for

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.

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4. God is worthy to live for. . . Or to die for

He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

Dan. 6:10 ESV

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5. God protects in life or death.

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!" . . .

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¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel,

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"O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

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Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²²My 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."

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²³ 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.

- Dan. 6:16, 19-23 ESV

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The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen's accusation, and they shook their fists at him in rage. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand.

- Acts 7:54-55 ESV

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6. God and Poetic Justice

And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions. . .

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—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

Dan. 6:24 ESV

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Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high."

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¹⁰ And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

Esther 7:9-10 ESV

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Next Step

Read Daniel chapter six several times this week. Focus on what God is prepared to do for one who demonstrates faithfulness to him.