

FACING THE LIONS

What do you think people mean when they speak of ‘facing the lions?’

Has there been a time in your life when you were ‘facing the lions’ that someone else caused?

Has there been a time when you created your own lion’s den?

LISTENING TO GOD IN HIS WORD

Throughout the previous chapters, God preserved His servants as they trusted in Him. Each servant faced a challenge that required the living God to intervene. Chapter six continues this motif as Daniel faces the lions.

Let’s read this famous story with open eyes to what we learn about God and His ways.

Read chapter six and consider these questions.

At this point, Daniel is in his eighties. What do we learn about his faith, character, and reputation?

How would you describe king Darius and his response to the request from the other officials?

What do you observe about the relationship between the king and Daniel? From the king’s responses and statements, what do you think Daniel might have taught the king?

What do we learn about God in this story?

What principles can we learn from Daniel?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What impresses you about Daniel in this chapter?

We often think of peer pressure as something young students encounter. Yet, we all face it every day. Why is the tug to conform to the crowd so strong? What is the appeal?

When is it difficult for you to navigate peer pressure? What helps you? How would you want us to pray for you?

What can we learn about following God in our culture from Daniel 6?

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

We all have places where our culture has molded us. Romans 12:1-2 reminds us that we don't have to follow their lead. Instead, we can surrender to God and He will transform our minds and we can follow Him. Are there areas where culture has shaped you and you need God to reshape? Begin by confessing, ask God's Spirit to empower you to change, and ask a friend to pray.

PLEASE PRAY

Please join in prayer with us as we join in with the world in "GATHER25." See our website for more information.

- Pray for the 80+ students who were at camp last weekend.
- Pray for our Elders and Pastor Doug as we renew our plans to make disciples who make disciples.
- Pray for Emma Osterberg de Rodas as she leads the Micah House team.