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The Lion's Den

Daniel

Daniel 6:4 Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. **5** So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion." *(NLT)*

Daniel 6:12 So they went straight to the king and reminded him about his law. "Did you not sign a law that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions?" *(NLT)*

Daniel 6:15 So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, "May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you." *(NLT)*

Daniel 6:19 Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions' den. **20** When he got there, he called out in anguish, "Daniel, servant of the living God! Was your God, whom you serve so faithfully, able to rescue you from the lions?" **21** Daniel answered, "Long live the king! **22** My God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty." **23** The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him, for he had trusted in his God. *(NLT)*

Daniel 6:24 Then the king gave orders to arrest the men who had maliciously accused Daniel. He had them thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. The lions leaped on them and tore them apart before they even hit the floor of the den. *(NLT)*

Daniel 6:25 Then King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world: "Peace and prosperity to you! **26** "I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God, and he will endure forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end. **27** He rescues and saves his people; he performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." *(NLT)*

What Do We Learn?

The _____ Thing Matters More Than _____

_____ **God**

James 1:22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. **23** For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. **24** You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. *(NLT)*

1 Peter 3:14 But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. *(NLT)*

Romans 15:2 We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. *(NLT)*

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. *(NLT)*

When You Cannot See God's _____ Trust His _____

_____ **God**

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. **17** Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. **18** And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. **19** May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. *(NLT)*

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **6** Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. *(NLT)*

Matthew 6:31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' **32** These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33** Seek the Kingdom of God[e] above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." *(NLT)*

_____ Is Not About Denying Your _____, It Is Being Honest About Your _____

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Daniel 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. **17** If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. **18** But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up." *(NLT)*

James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. *(NLT)*

Psalm 18:27 You rescue the humble, but you humiliate the proud. *(NLT)*

Philippians 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. *(NLT)*

1 Thessalonians 5:11 So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. *(NLT)*