

Day 8

“When Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went into his house. The windows in its upstairs room opened toward Jerusalem, and three times a day he got down on his knees, prayed, and gave thanks to his God, just as he had done before” (Daniel 6:10, CSB).

Daniel is known for his radically bold faith. Even as he was thrown into the lions’ den, his trust in God never wavered. Yet when we evaluate the root of Daniel’s boldness, it did not begin with the most dramatic action in the room. It was marked by the steady, quiet pursuit of obedience to God, no matter the circumstance.

In Daniel 6, a decree went out in Babylon, demanding that King Darius alone be praised and served. Although Daniel was faithful in his service to the king, he knew that his worship belonged only to God. Despite the decree, “three times a day, he got down on his knees, prayed, and gave thanks to his God” (v. 10). Daniel understood the risk. He knew that praying to God would result in being thrown into the lions’ den. Still, he was more confident in the power of his God than he was fearful of man. Because of this, Daniel could act with boldness, trusting that God would be glorified through his worship and that God Himself would be his strength.

Daniel prayed “as he had done before” (v. 10). This small phrase reveals that Daniel’s bold faith was not built in a moment of crisis, but through a daily rhythm of faithful worship. His courage was formed long before the threat ever came. In the mundane, ordinary moments—knees bent, hands open, heart focused on God—Daniel learned to trust the Lord above every earthly authority. When pressure built and obedience became costly, Daniel did not have to decide whether he would pray; he simply continued doing what had already shaped his life.

Our boldness for God is often developed in unseen, consistent acts of faithfulness. As we practice faithful worship day after day, God forms in us a confidence to obediently pursue and worship Him. Sometimes our worship is bold and visible; other times it is found in the simple, faithful ways He calls us to live.

What are some spiritual disciplines God is calling you to begin today? How will you start them?

Where might fear of people or circumstances be tempting you to compromise your worship?

Lord, help me pursue You with steady faithfulness in prayer and obedience, trusting that You will form boldness in me as I remain devoted to You each day.