

STUDY GUIDE

COURAGEOUS FAITH 9.24.2017

[set up]

Tell of a time when you were in an environment and there was intense pressure to compromise, to give into “fear pressure” to disobey God, or not act on your biblical convictions. Did you compromise or not? What made you give in or stand strong?

[digging deeper]

Read all of Daniel 6. Write down your three strongest observations from the passage and then share them with your LifeGroup:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

If you were to summarize this chapter in one word, what would it be? _____

Daniel was 80-90 years old at this time. When you look back/think back over all that he had been through since he was a teenager, what do you imagine might have played into his courageous faith to not back down to the edict from Darius?

Why was Daniel singled out?

Why did Daniel not just compromise? He was not under a biblical command to pray three times a day. It was only 30 days. He could have prayed in secret or just held off his prayer life. He could have even justified that he would be more useful to God if he lived and was promoted as Darius had planned?

This brings up the topic of Civil disobedience. Can you think of other examples in Scripture where believers disobeyed authority? Are Christians to obey all local/state/federal authority all the time? How do followers of Christ determine when they should obey the law and when they shouldn't?

What does this account teach us about:

- Integrity? _____
- Testing? _____
- Persecution? _____
- Influence? _____
- God's faithfulness? _____

How do the following Scriptures add/support/reinforce what we see in Daniel's life?
Matthew 5:11-12; Colossians 3:23; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Psalm 137

[living it out]

How can you apply Daniel's courageous faith in the following areas? (Give 2-3 ideas each.)

- Your home?
- Your neighborhood (LifeHouses)
- Your LifeGroup?
- Your work place (school for students)?
- In the places you frequent (store, gym, leagues/clubs, etc.)?

Pick one area to focus on and act on from the ideas above. Which one is it?

Turn all the ideas above into a prayer list. Pray for each other and over each other with those ideas. Pray specifically for each other as LifeHouses.

* Don't forget that next Sunday, October 1st is a GREAT day to invite a guest! We will have guest speaker Sanj Kalra sharing his story of radical salvation and transformation at all services.

*Sanj Kalra is also teaching a free workshop on how to have courageous conversations with the intent of sharing the gospel the following weekend (Saturday, October 7) at CVC from 10am-Noon. See you there at the Courageous Faith Workshop!