

DANIEL 6

The Terrible Cost of Fellowship

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DISCUSSION questions

1. Tell of a time when you or someone you know experienced harassment (or worse) because of commitment to Jesus Christ. In what way, if any, did the situation resolve itself?
2. Daniel 6:10 suggests that in the face of life's challenges Daniel kept his resolve to pray and praise God. What did Pastor Matthew suggest shaped Daniel's life of prayer? How might you strengthen your own communication (talking and listening) with God?
3. Daniel 6 offers a real tension between choosing God over and above government. Yet, it also shows that both can go hand-in-hand (Daniel's excellent service in the government). Read Romans 13:1-7, Mark 12:13-17 and 1 Peter 2:13-17. Explore in what way today you can "Fear God. Honor the emperor" (1 Peter 2:17). How might the "great commandments" of Matthew 22:34-40 influence your thinking?
4. The historical account in Daniel 6 presents a great opportunity to remember persecuted Christians everywhere. Take time to review the Voice of the Martyrs website: persecution.com. Establish a routine in which you might regularly pray for persecuted Christians around the globe.

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Next Week: Daniel 7: The Verdict Is In!, Pastor Matthew St. John