

More Than A Children's Story: Moses

This week's reading: Daniel 6

Discussion Guide: December 1, 2024

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work: For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. - 2 Timothy 1:7

Did you act in obedience in any particular way this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

**READ and ASK: Daniel 6:1-28, Acts 5:29, Hebrews 11:32-34, 1 Corinthians 15:54-56**

- What impresses you most about Daniel in this story?
- How does Daniel respond to this trapping decree?
- What do we learn about the contents of Daniel's prayer?
- When is it ok to disobey the law of the land?
- How does Daniel seem to strike a balance between civil disobedience and not being unnecessarily "loud" in his opposition to the laws of the land?
- It is striking that it seems that king Darius's evening was more difficult in his palace than Daniel's was in the lion's den. How can this be? What lessons can we draw from it?

**APPLY:**

- The court officials could not find anything to use against Daniel except that he would be loyal to God over the king. How does this challenge you?
- If you were Daniel, how would you have responded to King Darius' decree that no one could pray to anyone but him?
- When have you had "lion's den moments?"
- The basic message of this passage presents a challenge to be faithful because God will take care of us. In what moments is this difficult to believe?
  - o Where is the most difficult place for you to stand up for your faith?
  - o NEXT STEP: Daniel's daily faith enabled him to stand up in the face of opposition, what disciplines do you need to begin today so you stand strong in your faith?

Memory Work:

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

- 1 Corinthians 15:58

Next Week's Reading:

Jonah 1-4