

Oxford Baptist Church – March 4, 2018. Pastor Robin W. Pifer

Daniel Series: “Daring to Live by Faith.”

Message 6 – “The Lions Sleep Tonight” – Daniel 6

1Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-12

Daring to live by Faith is being:

- **Willing to have a right Spirit v. 1-4**
 - Faithful and Faultless –living above reproach.
 - God-centred life.
 - No losses.
 - Chief/Prime minister over the Kingdom.
- **Willing to face opposition v. 5-16 (2Tim 3:12)**
 - Face the lions of envy – Gal 5:19-21
 - Prayed and served like always. v. 10
- **Willing to pay the Price of Service. v. 16-20**
 - Face the lions.
 - We want easy service. Matt 10:32-33
 - Daniel’s reputation: serves continually. (v.16b)
 - 1Peter 1:6-8; 4:12-19; 5:8-10; James 4:7
- **Willing to trust the Lord no matter what happens. v. 21-23**
 - He trusted in the Lord. v.23
 - His friends. Daniel 3:16-18
 - The Apostles. Acts 5:29
 - God will avenge. Psalm 105:15; Duet 32:35; Rom 12:19; Heb 10:30
 - Accusers are judged; the lions wake up. v. 24
 - If the lions ate Daniel was he still delivered? Heb 11
 - “We do not obey God to be rescued; we obey God because it is the right thing to do to glorify the Lord.”

- **Willing to Give the Lord all the Glory. v. 25-28**

- This event is all about the greatness of the Lord. His plan, protection, provision, and his prosperity.
- An Angel shows up. Psalms 34:7; 91:11; Heb 1:14
- We prosper when we give the Lord the glory.
- God gives more to your life as you depend more upon him.
- D.L. Moody – Real True faith is a person’s weakness leaning on God’s strength.
- “Only what is done for Jesus lasts.”
- Trust the Lion of Judah – Revelation 5:5

Facing the “Lions of Life” means Daring to Live by Faith.

Life Group Questions

1. What are some of the “Lions” you have faced in your life?
2. What were the experiences that Daniel had in his life over the years that showed him the faithfulness of the Lord?
3. What are some experiences that you have had with the Lord that have showed his faithfulness to you? Share at least one with the group and write down in your journal a list of God’s faithfulness to you.
4. How did Daniel’s daily consistent spiritual practices enable him to be prepared for opposition? What were those practices and are you practising them for yourself?
5. Daniel faced “lions” because of his beliefs and his daily spiritual practices. What are some ways Christians today are being mocked or penalized for their faith today?
6. God will avenge. Study the scriptures and apply them to you.
7. How has the “Lion of Judah” made a difference in your life as you have dared to live by faith?