

**LIGHT IN DARKNESS**  
**Week 7: Trust God & Be A Light**  
**Daniel 6:11-28**

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Daniel's life is a great testimony of what a life of faith looks like. It never mattered how young or old he was, Daniel was always a beacon of light in the midst of a dark world.
- B. As we bring this series of lessons to a close, I want us to see a few important final lessons we can draw from Daniel's life that I believe will help us as we strive to live our lives as lights in the midst of darkness.
- C. Daniel had been faithfully serving God in this pagan land for almost 3 quarters of a century. And yet, when he could have just stopped or given in to the king's decree for the 30 day period, Daniel continued to be a light even when it meant he would suffer.

**DOING WHAT'S RIGHT DOES NOT GUARANTEE EVERYTHING WILL GO RIGHT (vs. 11-17).**

- A. Daniel was a faithful man who was blameless and innocent, and yet he still had to face the den of lions.
- B. Just because we are people of faith who do what is right and strive to be a beacon of light, does not mean we will go through life without facing our own den of lions (Matt. 10:22; I Pet. 4:12).
- C. We will face many unexpected trials we may feel we are not prepared to face (Jn. 16:33).

**WHEN THINGS DO NOT GO RIGHT GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL (vs. 18-24).**

- A. Daniel didn't face the lion's den alone. God was right there with him. He was in control of the situation.
- B. It's easy to think God is with us and in control when things are good but much harder to think such when we are faced with the lions in front of us.
- C. When we find ourselves in difficult circumstances, we must learn to trust that God is in control (Psa. 115:2-3; I Pet. 4:19).

**WHEN GOD IS IN CONTROL HE CAN USE US TO IMPACT PEOPLE WE NEVER EXPECTED (vs. 25-28).**

- A. Daniel's faithfulness and integrity had a profound impact for good (Dan. 4:34-35, 37; Dan. 6:26-28).
- B. We may look at our lives and feel as though they seem insignificant in the grand scheme of life.
- C. Our example may be leading someone to heaven or in an entirely different direction (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:15).

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. No matter how young we may be or how old we may feel, we can all be a light used by God for His glory.
- B. Daniel didn't allow his circumstances to prevent him from being a light in the darkness around him. No matter what he faced, Daniel always allowed his light to shine brightly.
- C. Are we willing to do the same? I dare you to be a Daniel and let your life be a beacon of light.