

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

SERIES TITLE: The Book of Daniel

SERMON TITLE: An Excellent Spirit

KEY TEXT (NKJV, ESV, NIV): Daniel 6:1-28, Jeremiah 51:8,11, 1 Peter 2:19-21, Luke 18:1, Revelation 19: 11, Psalm 145:13, Psalm 25:10.

Big Idea: The story of Daniel reminds us that no matter how uncertain or challenging our circumstances may be, God remains sovereign. Taken from his homeland and pressured to conform to a different way of life, Daniel chose unwavering faith over compromise, and God honoured him with wisdom, influence, and protection. Like Daniel, we face cultural and personal pressures that test our faith, yet nothing, political shifts, personal trials, or societal expectations, can override His plans for us. Our role is to trust His faithfulness, stand firm in obedience, and be vessels of His influence wherever we are, knowing He is working all things for His purpose.

In this fourth sermon of the series, Pastor Sammie emphasizes the importance of having an Excellent Spirit in every aspect of our lives.

Daniel 6:3, 10, 16, 24-27

³ Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

¹⁰ Now, when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

¹⁶ So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

²⁴ And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

²⁶ I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom, men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end.

²⁷ He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders, In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

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A. Start Talking

If you could instantly become an expert in any skill or hobby, what would it be?

B. Start Thinking

1. Read **Daniel 6:10 NKJV** and **Luke 18:1 NKJV**. Is prayer a consistent part of your life, or do you turn to God only in times of trouble? What steps will you take to overcome the distractions that hinder you from developing a consistent prayer life?
2. Read **Daniel 6:3 NKJV** and **1 Peter 2:19-21 NIV**. Daniel's faithfulness set him apart in a corrupt system. How will you demonstrate integrity and faithfulness in your workplace, community, and Connection Group when faced with challenges in your life?
3. How does your faith hold up under pressure when faced with difficulties? How can you actively rely on Him during your personal 'lion's den' experiences, as shown in **Daniel 6:16-27 NKJV**?

C. Start Praying

Pray that you will live with integrity, prioritize prayer, and stand firm in God's unshakable sovereignty, reflecting His character and faithfulness in every aspect of your life.

D. Start Doing

1. Commit to faithfulness and excellence in all you do, knowing that a steadfast character honours God and sets you apart.
2. Establish a consistent prayer life, remaining steadfast in seeking God's presence regardless of opposition.
3. Face challenges with unwavering faith, believing God is greater than any 'lion's den' in your life.
4. Recognize that God's kingdom and power are unshakable, and trust that He rules over all circumstances.

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