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Series: Faith Builders

Title: Faith May Place You in Harm's Way

Text: Daniel 6:10-21

Our Faith in God Results in Blessings from God

Daniel got promoted to a high position.

Our Faith in God Is Visible to Unbelievers and They Despise Us

Daniel was loyal to the king and God.

Daniel was not ashamed of God.

Matthew 5:10-12 - ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Our Faith in God May Be Challenged by Unbelievers

Daniel was setup.

John 15:18-25 - ¹⁸"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. ²¹They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. ²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. ²³He who hates me hates my Father as well. ²⁴If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. ²⁵But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.

When Our Faith Is Challenged God Is Glorified

The King put Daniel's enemies in the lion's den.

Daniel 6:26-28 - ²⁶"I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. "For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom will not be destroyed; His dominion will never end. ²⁷He rescues and He saves; He performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." ²⁸So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.