


**1 Have you ever been caught in a speed trap?** What was it like to see the flashing lights in your rear-view mirror? How did you feel?

 *In Daniel 6, the prophet wasn't caught in a speed trap, he was caught in a prayer trap. What does it say about Daniel and his character that his opponents were even able to lay this kind of trap for him?*

**2 How does this story show us the importance of prayer in Daniel's life?** What does that mean for you?


 *Take a moment to discuss why prayer is so important for followers of Jesus. What can we learn about prayer from the faithfulness we observe in Daniel?*

 *Read 1 Kings 8:46-53. How is this passage connected to what Daniel is doing in this chapter?*

 *How do you think you would have handled it if you had been Daniel and prayer was outlawed? [1] What fears do you already have about others seeing you pursue God that would be highlighted?*

**3 What are some times when someone's faith or faithfulness get set against a work policy, a governmental authority, or the laws of the land?**


 *What are some of the most difficult aspects when you face opposition?*

 *What encouragement do Daniel's actions offer when you are having a difficult time being faithful in the face of opposition?*

 *Why should Christians who are serving God faithfully expect opposition? See 2 Timothy 2:3, 3:12, John 15:18-21, 16:33.*

 *What do you need to do now to be preparing for the opposition that most certainly will come? [2]*

**4 If you were to draw an analogy between Daniel and Jesus, how would Daniel's situation and character remind you of Christ?** Of course, Jesus is better and more, but what parallels can you see?

 *Look at a few of these examples to help you. Compare Daniel 6:6 to Matt 26:3-4, Daniel 6:22 to Heb 4:15 & 1 John 4:3, Daniel 6:23 to Matt 26:39, Daniel 6:16 to Matt 27:60, Daniel 6:28 to Matt 28:18, Daniel 6:19 to Mark 16:2, 6*

 *How does seeing Daniel as a shadow of Jesus make you more grateful to the Lord for what he went through to save you? [3]*

**5 This story shows us plainly that God is able to deliver us.** How does this truth give you confidence to live for him today? What areas of your life do you need to remember it in?

 *Daniel had some experiences to look back on and remain convinced of God's faithfulness. What are some key experiences that you look back on to remember God's faithfulness?*

 *In what ways are you being called to endure in faith in a way that is costly?*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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**6 In Daniel 6, the good guy is delivered, and the bad guys are destroyed.** If God receives glory from miraculous rescues and good-guy endings, why do you think the righteous still suffer?

 *What Biblical stories show us that the good guys don't seem to "live happily ever after" (at least not in this life)?*

 *What are some of the keys to giving God glory no matter how our circumstances turn out? [4]*

[1] Warren W. Wiersbe, Daniel: Be Resolute Determining To Go God's Direction (Colorado Springs: David C. Cook, 2000), 102.  
[2] Daniel L. Akin, Exalting Jesus in Daniel: Christ-centered Exposition (Nashville: Holman Reference, 2017), 81.  
[3] David Helm, Daniel For You (n.p. The Goodbook Company, 2017), 109.  
[4] Wiersbe, Daniel: Be Resolute, 103.