

How will you face the lions' den in your life?

Anything that pressures us to surrender to our culture instead of standing for our conviction.

We face the lions' den in one of two ways: compromise or courage.

We either go along or go alone.

"People want to do what is right, but most are prepared to choose otherwise when the pressure is on." DALLAS

Most people would rather go along than go

Conviction wilts without courage.

"Be strong and courageous." JOSHUA 1:9

Courage is not the lack of fear; it is the willingness to do what is right no matter the cost.

"True courage is a perfect sensibility of the measure of danger, and a mental willingness to endure it." W.T. SHERMAN

"They overcame [the accuser] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." REVELATION 12:11

"Hold on to what you have until I come...then I will give authority over the nations." REVELATION 2:25-26

THE ENEMY'S TACTICS

Accusation

"They tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel..." DANIEL 6:4-5

"The accuser of our brothers and sisters accuses them before our God day and night." REVELATION THE ENEMY'S TACTICS

Entrapment

"Issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den." DANIEL 6:6-8

> "To an evil person sin is bait in a trap, but a righteous person runs away from it." PROVERBS 29:11

THE ENEMY'S TACTICS

TACTIC #3

"Anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den." DANIEL 6:7 Daniel's courage to face the lions was rooted in his character.

CULTIVATING CHARACTER

Daniel was flawless in his work

"Now Daniel so distinguished himself...by his exceptional qualities. [They] tried to find grounds for charges against him in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so." DANIEL 6:3-4

CULTIVATING CHARACTER

Daniel was faultless in his integrity

"They could find no corruption in him. 'We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

DANIEL 6:4

CULTIVATING CHARACTER

Daniel was fervent in his prayers

"Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to God, just as he had done before." DANIEL 6:10-11

CULTIVATING CHARACTER

Daniel was faithful to his God

"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight." DANIEL 6:22

DANIEL'S STAND

DANIEL IS PROMOTED DANIEL 6:28

DARIUS IS CONVERTED DANIEL 6:26

PERSIA IS TRANSFORMED DANIEL 6:26-27



Cultivate Character Cultivate Consistency

"Character is not made in a crisis, it is only exhibited." ROBERT FREEMAN

"If you've run with the footmen and they've tired you out, how can you compete with the horses?" JEREMIAH 12:5



Cultivate Character Cultivate Consistency Cultivate Commitment "Resolve to carve out a satisfying life under the loving rule of God, or sin will start to look good." DALLAS WILLARD

