**Turning a Trial into Triumph**

*Daniel: An uncompromising example of faith*

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**Daniel’s Dedication (Chapter 1)**

1:8 *“But Daniel* ***made up his mind*** *that he would not defile himself with the king’s choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.”*

1:17 *“And as for these four youths,* ***God gave them*** *knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.”*

**Daniel’s Discernment (Chapter 2)**

**2:14** *“Then Daniel replied with* ***discretion*** *and* ***discernment*** *to Arioch, the captain of the king’s bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon.”*

**2:20-23** **Daniel:** *“Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. And* ***it is He who changes*** *the times and epochs;* ***He removes*** *kings and* ***establishes*** *kings;* ***He gives*** *wisdom to wise men, and knowledge to men of understanding. It is* ***He who reveals*** *the profound and hidden things;* ***He knows*** *what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him. To Thee, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise,* ***for Thou hast given*** *me wisdom and power; Even now* ***Thou hast******made known*** *to me what we requested of Thee, for* ***Thou hast made known*** *to us the king’s matter.”*

**Daniel’s Demonstration (Chapter 6)**

**6:4-5** “*…trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption… Then these men said, ‘We shall not find any ground of accusation against Daniel* ***unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God.”***

**6:10** *“Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God,* ***as he had been doing previously.”***

**6:26-27** **Darius the Mede:** *“I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; for* ***He is the living God and enduring forever, and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, and His dominion will be forever. He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.”***