



New Hampton Community Church
Message Notes ~ Sunday February 8, 2026

"Faith Over Fear"

Courage for Challenging Times week 3 Daniel 6:1-28

Psalm 23:4

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me..."*

Proverbs 3:5-6

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own
understanding;*

⁶in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight"

Daniel 6:1-11

*"It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom,
² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The
satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer
loss. ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and
the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him
over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried
to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government
affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him,
because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵ Finally
these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man
Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."*

*⁶ So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and
said: "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ The royal administrators, prefects,
satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue
an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man
during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the
lions' den. ⁸ Now, O king, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it
cannot be altered—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and
Persians, which cannot be repealed." ⁹ So King Darius put the decree in
writing.*

*¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went
home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem.
Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to*

*his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group
and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.*

➤ **Battle fear with _____**

Daniel 6:16-22

*"So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into
the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve
continually, rescue you!"*

*¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king
sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that
Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his
palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment
(Distracted) being brought to him. And he could not sleep.*

*¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰
When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice,
"Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve
continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"*

*²¹ Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! ²² 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. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."*

➤ **Depend on _____**

➤ **Faith Conquers _____**

Daniel 6:25-27

*"Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every
language throughout the land: "May you prosper greatly! 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. ²⁷ He 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."*

Question to pray & discuss.....

1. List some ways Daniel demonstrated his trust in God?
2. How did Daniel's actions affect the people around him?
3. What are some ways that you can strengthen your prayer life?
4. How can you practice faith over fear?