

SCC Small Group Discussion Compromise - Daniel 6:1-10

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Getting Started:

Compromise is sometimes seen positively, and other times negatively. How do you determine when it's not appropriate to compromise?

When was the last time staying faithful to your values and beliefs paid off for you?

Searching the Scriptures:

Daniel 6:1-10 is a vivid illustration of unwavering faith and the refusal to compromise on one's beliefs, even under extreme pressure.

1. What wisdom can we draw from King Darius' approach to choosing leaders? Why do you think he signed the prayer edict?
2. What was it about Daniel's consistency of character and obedience that bothered the other administrators so much?
3. Why do you think Daniel proceeded to pray openly three times a day as usual with the "windows open toward Jerusalem" instead of keeping a low profile? (see Psalm 55:15-19 and 2 Chronicles 6:38 for the Biblical precedents).
4. How is Daniel's prayer life similar to yours? How is it different?
5. What habits in your life could someone observe that would show you are a follower of Jesus? Would you be willing to do these regardless of the consequences?

After Daniel was accused and no way was found to repeal the law of king Darius, he was thrown into the lion's den. Afterwards...

Daniel answered, "Long live the king! My God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty." Daniel 6:21–22

6. What had Daniel been accused of and why was he innocent? How did Daniel's life impact the king?

7. Can you think of an example in your life where your integrity brought you difficulty at first but blessing in the end?

8. Although Daniel was saved in this instance, sometimes others are not. How does God get the glory from the persecution of his children?

9. What most impresses you about Daniel's understanding of God?

Application of Scripture:

If someone were to do an investigation of your personal life what would they find?

Have you ever been betrayed or accused unjustly? How did you respond?

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