

It's Time To Start Again - Chandler Sims - 7/26/26

INTRO

What is God calling me to start again?

1. IT'S TIME TO START SERVING AGAIN

Daniel 6:3-4

3 Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire.

1 Peter 4:10 NLT.

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

Your gift was never meant to stop with you.

2. IT'S TIME TO START SEEKING GOD AGAIN

Daniel 6:10 says this

10 But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

A crisis does not create your spiritual foundation. It exposes the foundation you have already built.

3. IT'S TIME TO START LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH AGAIN

Daniel 6:13 -14

13 Then they told the king, “That man Daniel, one of the captives from Judah, is ignoring you and your law. He still prays to his God three times a day.”

14 Hearing this, the king was deeply troubled, and he tried to think of a way to save Daniel. He spent the rest of the day looking for a way to get Daniel out of this predicament.

Darius confirmed that the law could not be changed. That was when they revealed the real purpose behind their plan.

Daniel 6:16

16 So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, “May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you.”

Daniel did not change his convictions because the culture changed its rules.

**We do not build our convictions on what is currently popular.
We build our convictions on what God has spoken!**

4. IT'S TIME TO START TRUSTING GOD AGAIN

Daniel 6:19-23

19 Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions' den. **20** When he got there, he called out in anguish, “Daniel, servant of the living God! Was your God, whom you serve so faithfully, able to rescue you from the lions?”

21 Daniel answered, “Long live the king! **22** 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.”

23 The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him, for he had trusted in his God.

Trust begins where our control ends.

5. IT'S TIME TO START SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY AGAIN

Daniel 6:26-27

26 “I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel.

For he is the living God,
and he will endure forever.

His kingdom will never be destroyed,
and his rule will never end.

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He rescues and saves his people;
he performs miraculous signs and wonders
in the heavens and on earth.

He has rescued Daniel
from the power of the lions.”

CLOSING

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