

Will God Deliver You?

5-Day Devotional

Day 1: Your Voice Matters

Reading

Daniel 6:1-23 It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, 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. 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. 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. 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.” So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! 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 human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” So King Darius put the decree in writing. 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. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him. Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.” 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!” 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. Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. 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?” Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! 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, Your Majesty.” The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

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Daniel lived as a slave under multiple empires, yet he never lost sight of his worth before God. While kings demanded worship and built monuments to themselves, Daniel quietly remained faithful to the God of love. His story reminds us that our value doesn't come from earthly powers or societal approval. When we feel insignificant or wonder if our voice matters, remember that Daniel's faithfulness speaks louder than all the forgotten kings who tried to be "king of the universe." God sees you. Your commitment to love and justice matters more than you realize. Don't dismiss your voice by saying, "I'm just one person." God can use one faithful person to change everything.

Reflection

Where have you silenced your own voice because you thought it wouldn't matter?

Day 2: Don't Carry God's Image in Vain

Reading

Exodus 20:1-7 And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground. "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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The second commandment takes on deeper meaning when we understand we are created in God's image. "You shall not carry the name of the Lord your God in vain" isn't just about how we speak—it's about how we live. Every human being bears God's image, and when we say "I don't matter" or "there's nothing I can do," we carry that sacred image in vain. God has already created the most important image of Himself: you. When you witness injustice and walk away thinking you're powerless, you're breaking God's command. You are designed to reflect divine love and worth into the world. Believe in the image you carry.

Reflection

How might you be carrying God's image in vain by underestimating your worth or influence?

Day 3: Delivered Even in the Den

Reading

Daniel 6:16-23 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!" 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. Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. 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?" Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! 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, Your Majesty." The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Psalms 23 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Deliverance doesn't always mean immediate escape. Daniel wasn't instantly transported out of the lion's den—God was with him in it. The angel shut the mouths of the lions, and Daniel experienced God's presence in the darkest place. Sometimes deliverance means God walks with us through suffering rather than around it. Daniel knew his worth even in captivity; he lived more freely than King Darius, who had all the power but was imprisoned by fear and societal pressure. True freedom comes from knowing God is with you, that you matter, and that your life has divine purpose—even in the den. God's deliverance may look different than you expect, but it is always faithful.

Reflection

Where do you need to recognize God's presence with you right now, even in difficult circumstances?

Day 4: Remembering You Were Slaves

Reading

Exodus 3:7-10 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Deuteronomy 15:12-15 If any of your people—Hebrew men or women—sell themselves to you and serve you six years, in the seventh year you must let them go free. And when you release them, do not send them away empty-handed. Supply them liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to them as the Lord your God has blessed you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.

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After 400 years of slavery, the Hebrew people had forgotten their voice and their value. God's deliverance wasn't just about physical freedom—it was about teaching them to believe they were worth delivering. Moses himself doubted, asking "Who am I?" at age 80. Perhaps you relate more to Moses than to Daniel—wavering, doubting, wondering if God could really use you. God's response is always the same: "I have seen. I have heard. I am concerned. I have come down." God sees your suffering, hears your cries, and comes to deliver you. The journey from slavery to freedom is as much internal as external. Believe that you are worth God's attention, love, and deliverance.

Reflection

What "slavery" in your life—doubt, fear, shame—has caused you to forget your worth?

Day 5: Songs That Outlast Empires

Reading

Psalm 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

Colossians 3:16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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The spirituals sung by enslaved people—created by those who couldn't read or write, who faced brutal punishment for gathering—have outlasted empires and kings who built monuments to themselves. These songs of hope, born from deep suffering and profound faith, remind us that what matters most isn't power or recognition, but faithfulness to the God who delivers. A song shared in chains has more power than a king's statue. When you feel small or forgotten, remember that God values the faithful song of your life more than all the world's attempts at greatness. Your life, lived in trust and love, echoes into eternity. Sing your song of deliverance.

Reflection

What "song" is God calling you to sing with your life, even in difficult circumstances?