

Sunday Sermon Questions • 8/23/2026

Daniel: Uncommon Faith in an Evercompromising World

Faithfulness When It Costs You

Daniel knew the consequences of continuing to pray, yet he continued doing exactly what he had always done. His faithfulness wasn't a reaction to the pressure, it was already a way of life. What does Daniel's response teach us about developing a faith that remains consistent when following God becomes uncomfortable or costly? Where are you most tempted to compromise your faith because of fear, pressure, or what others might think?

A Life That Matches What We Believe

Daniel's enemies searched for something they could use against him but found no corruption or negligence because he was trustworthy. His character backed up what he claimed to believe. If someone examined your everyday life, your work, relationships, choices, and priorities, what evidence would they see of your faith? Is there an area where your actions need to better line up with what you say you believe?

Who or What Are You Trusting?

The sermon contrasts two kinds of trust: Daniel's enemies placed their confidence in their own plans, while Daniel continually trusted and served God. Even King Darius recognized that Daniel's relationship with God wasn't occasional, it was consistent. When you face something you cannot control, what do you naturally put your trust in? Your own plans, other people, your resources, or God? What would trusting God more fully look like in a situation you are facing right now?

The Wake of Our Decisions

One of the sermon's key reminders is that our decisions rarely affect only us. Poor choices can leave a destructive wake, while lives surrendered to God can have a life-giving impact far beyond what we realize. Who is being impacted by the way you are currently living your life? What is one decision or change you could make that would create a more life-giving impact on your family, friends, coworkers, or community?

Living a Faith People Can See

Daniel's obedience ultimately caused a pagan king to publicly acknowledge the greatness of God. The sermon closes by challenging us to live in such a way that people see love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and faithfulness in us, and begin asking how and why. What might be holding you back from fully becoming who God is calling you to be? How could living out your faith more boldly and consistently create opportunities for the people around you to see Jesus?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, give us the courage to live with an uncommon faith in a world that constantly invites us to compromise. Help our actions reflect what we say we believe, trusting You even when obedience is difficult or costly. May the way we live point others to Your goodness, faithfulness, and love.
Amen.