13Then 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." 14Hearing 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. 15In the evening the men went together to the king and said, "Your Majesty, you know that according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, no law that the king signs can be changed."

16So 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."

17A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed the stone with his own royal seal and the seals of his nobles, so that no one could rescue Daniel. 18Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night fasting. He refused his usual entertainment and couldn't sleep at all that night. 19Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions' den. 20When 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?"

21Daniel answered, "Long live the king! 22My 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." 23The 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. 24Then the king gave orders to arrest the men who had maliciously accused Daniel. He had them thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. The lions leaped on them and tore them apart before they even hit the floor of the den.

25Then King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world:

"Peace and prosperity to you! 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. 27He 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."

28So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

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- 3. List out the conflicts going on in the passage.
- 4. What do we learn about Daniel from verses 1-10?

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- 5. What habits do you have that make your life better?
- 6. What makes it difficult for you to meet up with God daily?
- 7. Daniel, clearly believed he could ask God for help. If you are follower of Jesus, what Scripture has helped you keep asking God for help?
- 8. Take a moment and create plan for meeting God daily.

When: Where: What's needed? Bible, journal, pen. Who I am going to share this plan with?

9. Which verse from Daniel 6 would you like to think about this week?

Pray for each other — Are there specific things you would like us to pray about?

Announcements:

Sign up for the Fall Retreat: Sept 23-24. \$35 . In White Rock, BC. Sunday Worship Gathering — Location Update for Sept 25. Wood 1 in Woodward. Baptism Celebration, Sept 25. at Locarno Beach. 1:15 PM. Ask about being baptized. BC Sushi, All U Can Eat Sushi night, Sept 30, 8 PM.