

**THE BIBLE EXPERIENCE:**

**The Journey From Victim to Victor: Daniel in the Lion's Den**

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**Introduction:** The soul that has experience God's saving power also experiences a new reality. No longer is such a man or woman a victim of sin and circumstances, because in everything, God has promised: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you; and when you pass through the fire, you will not be burned, the flames will not set you ablaze"! Isaiah 43:2



1. "Who did you view as the victims in that video?" \_\_\_\_\_

2. "Who came across as victorious to you?" \_\_\_\_\_

3. "How do you think you would have acted similarly or differently from Daniel's reaction in the Lion's den?" \_\_\_\_\_

4. Read Daniel 6:1-24.

5. "By the time of the incidents depicted in the video and Scripture reading, Daniel would have been an exile in Babylon for decades. Yet verse 10 says that when he prayed, he opened the windows that faced Jerusalem. What do you think that indicates about Daniel?" \_\_\_\_\_

6. "When Daniel learned of the King's order to pray to no one but him for thirty days, verse 10 says, 'He got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.' How else could he have responded to the king's decree?" \_\_\_\_\_

7. "Verses 16 and 17 describe Daniel's arrest and imprisonment in the lions' den. Those verses include no words from Daniel. Do you think that is because:

- ✓ Daniel kept silent during his arrest (much like Jesus at his trial)?
- ✓ Daniel didn't say anything important?
- ✓ Daniel's response was too embarrassing to record?
- ✓ Something else?

8. "Who did Daniel credit for his deliverance in verse 22?" \_\_\_\_\_

9. "How does verse 24 counter any suspicion that Daniel's deliverance could have been from natural causes?" \_\_\_\_\_

10. "Throughout this incident, was Daniel a victim? a victor? First one, then the other?" \_\_\_\_\_

11. "Do you see any parallels between your salvation and Daniel's deliverance? If so, describe then?" \_\_\_\_\_

12. "Is there any obstacle or threat you face right now? If so, how can you apply Daniel's story to your circumstances?" \_\_\_\_\_

**Point to remember:** The "great salvation" (Hebrews 2:3) God provides means I am no longer a victim of sin and circumstances, but can be victorious through Him who loves me!

**Memory Verse:** *"In all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."* Romans 8:37

**Reflection Time:** Take some time to reflect on these questions, and write down any response below:

- Do I believe anything so strongly that I would risk my life for it?
- Am I being challenged in some way to stand by my convictions?
- If prayer suddenly became illegal, would my habits be enough to convict me?
- How do I usually respond when I am treated unfairly?
- One time in my life when I felt like I walked through the fire but was not consumed.
- One time in my life when Jesus promise to be with me always was fulfilled.
- One time in my life when God's presence with me was noticed by someone nearby.

**Next week: The Journey from Religion to Relationship: One Dark Night!**

