



Week Three: Daniel & the Lions Den

Daniel 6

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**YOUR SETBACK MAY BE A DIVINE SETUP FOR AN EVEN GREATER COMEBACK.**

**KEYS TO DANIEL'S COMEBACK STORY:**

**1. He excelled in his responsibilities**

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 – Daniel 6:3

**THREE PRINCIPLES FOR EXCELLING IN YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

COLOSSIANS 3:17 (NIV) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, ***do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...***

COLOSSIANS 3:23 Work willingly at whatever you do, ***as though you were working for the Lord*** rather than for people.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, ***do it all for the glory of God.***

**2. He modeled integrity**

Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy – Daniel 6:4

PSALM 25:21 (NIV) May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.

**3. He remained focused**

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 – Daniel 6:10

THE VERY PRINCIPLES THAT GOT DANIEL INTO TROUBLE IN THE FIRST PLACE WERE THE VERY ONES THAT PRESERVED HIM IN THE MIDST OF LIONS.

"Jesus will always be with you through every hardship and every setback; that doesn't mean that you will never face a setback or challenge, but that Jesus would lead you *through* it" – Levi Lusko

HEBREWS 6:19 This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

*\* All Scripture is from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted.*