<u>Today's Lesson</u>: Daniel is an important figure in the Bible. His story teaches us valuable lessons about faith and integrity. Many things happened in Daniel's life, but he continued to trust and serve God even though he was forced to work for wicked people. His strong belief in God shows us we can stay strong even in tough times. By looking at how Daniel lived, we can learn to grow our faith.

Daniel and his Friends Captured as a Slave

Daniel was a little boy when the Babylonian army came to fight Israel. God allowed some of the people of Israel to be carried off as slaves. Daniel and three of his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were taken. They were very smart. The king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, wanted them to work for him because they were so smart. Even though they were in prison and were probably just little children (maybe 8 to 12 years old) they only ate food that God said was clean. They knew God's laws and wanted to please Him. To the surprise of everyone around them, they were stronger and healthier than the other prisoners who ate the king's food.

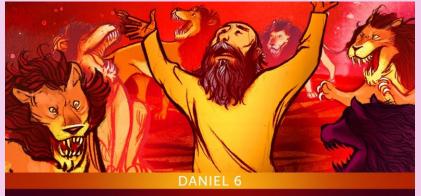
Daniel 1:15-16

15 At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. 16 So after that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the others.

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Today's Topic:

Daniel: A Man of Faith



DANIEL & THE LION'S DEN

Verse of the Day Daniel 6:10 NLT

But 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.

<u>Prayer</u>

Lord God, I ask for a faith that makes You proud of us. Please help us with any unbelief and fill us with faith like Daniel. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Importance of Unwavering Faith

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."

• Unwavering faith in God brings numerous blessings to our lives. It gives us hope, peace, and assurance in times of uncertainty.

• When we trust in God completely, our worries and fears are replaced with the unshakeable confidence that He is in control.

Bible Verses About Unshakable Faith

1. Hope in Times of Uncertainty

• <u>Romans 15:13</u> (CEV)

I pray that God, who gives hope, will bless you with complete happiness and peace because of your faith. And may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope.

2. Peace that Surpasses Understanding

• Philippians 4:7 (CEV)

Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

Bible Verses About Unshakable Faith

3. Assurance of God's Presence

• <u>Joshua 1:9</u> (CEV)

I've commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go.

4. Strength to Endure

• <u>Isaiah 41:10</u> (CEV)

Don't be afraid. I am with you. Don't tremble with fear. I am your God. I will make you strong, as I protect you with my arm and give you victories.

5. Inspiring Those Around You

• Matthew 5:16 (CEV)

Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven.



Your Lion's Den

There may be times in your life when people try to get you to disobey God. You should take encouragement from the story of Daniel and trust God to take care of you. Daniel didn't know what would happen to him in the lion's den. He only trusted that God would take care of him and God did. You and I can trust God too.