

Lion-Taming for Believers

How to Face Life's Extreme Challenges...

1. **Be Guided by Principles, not Pressures**

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2. **Expect to be Tested**

The Lord gave [King Nebuchadnezzar] victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah. Daniel 1:2 (NLT)

Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and princes. Because of his great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. Daniel 6:3 (NLT)

...what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God... Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV)

3. **Choose Truth over Survival**

Then the other administrators and princes began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling his affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize. He was faithful and honest and always responsible. Daniel 6:4 (NLT)

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So 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 worship continually, rescue you." Daniel 6:16 (NLT)

Keep your mind clear and be alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion as he looks for someone to devour. Be firm in the faith and resist him... 1 Peter 5:8-9 (GWT)

4. **Expect God to Show Off**

When he got there, he called out in anguish, "Daniel, servant of the living God was your God, whom you worship continually, able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "Long live the king! My 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. The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him because he had trusted in his God." Daniel 6:21-23 (NLT)

"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. He 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." So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian. Daniel 6:26-28 (NLT)

Then 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. Daniel 6:24 (NLT)