

# “The Lions’ Den”

Sunday, June 12, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI  
Pastor Jonathan DeCou  
*Daniel 6:1-28*

**BIG IDEA:** God’s great love keeps me in each and every situation.

*“My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths;  
and they haven’t harmed me,  
for I was found innocent before Him.”  
Daniel 6:22a (CSB)*

☞ **DANIEL and a New ADMINISTRATION.** (v 1-3)

☞ **Daniel’s ENEMIES.** (v 4-5)

☞ **A PLOT to ELIMINATE Daniel.** (v 6-9)

☞ **Daniel DEFIES the DECREE.** (v 10-13)

☞ **Darius TRIES to DELIVER DANIEL.** (v 14-15)

☞ **Daniel “RELAXES” in the DEN.** (v 16-23)

☞ **Darius FEEDS the LIONS.** (v 24)

☞ **God GETS the GLORY.** (v 25-28)

☞ **LESSONS (So, what am I going to do about it?):**

- Don’t make QUICK DECISIONS you will later REGRET.
- FAITH is the VICTORY that OVERCOMES the WORLD.
- God does not LEAVE us ALONE in our DISTRESS.
- Remember GOD when you are YOUNG.
- God has something to DO with EACH of us, even SENIOR SAINTS.
- **QUESTION:** If I was put on TRIAL for being a CHRISTIAN, would there be enough EVIDENCE to CONVICT me?

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**Read:** Daniel 6:1-28

**Think:** Imagine what Daniel went through in this account, then ask yourself the following questions: *When have you felt good about something you did, only to have someone else be jealous or unhappy? What stirs up the jealousy of the Persian administrators? Why has Daniel’s private life become an issue for public policy and the public’s “right to know”? How do the administrators get their way with the King? How do you explain Daniel’s defiance of the King’s decree? Why does the King become so distressed when the administrators bring Daniel before him? What do you think happened in the lions’ den overnight...to Daniel...to the lions? How did King Darius respond when the lions’ den was opened in the morning?*

**Do:** When is it right to “defy the king”? When is it wrong to “defy the king”? Identify the role prayer has in your life right now. How might your prayer life need to change? How does someone trust God’s love and sovereignty “no matter what”?