A Faith That Shines In Adversity

Tony Mauck · Daniel 6:16–26

INTRODUCTION

- Daniel is excelling in this new empire, and there were people that were jealous of him.
- But what I want you to realize is that Daniel's faith has had an impact on Darius as well.
- How confident are you in God's abilities to deliver you?

1 God Can See Me Through My Trouble

Psalm 9:9; 1 Kings 19; 1 Peter 1:7

- And the first point that I want to make is that God can see me through my trouble.
- The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed. He is a stronghold in the midst of trouble.
- The Lord's people are sometimes oppressed. The Lord's people sometimes experience great trouble.
- The crisis, the trouble, whatever it is not a time to give up on faith. It is a time to shore up faith all the more.
- Few and unpleasant have been the days of my life. This is a man of faith talking.

2 God Can Use Me as I Go Through Trouble

Ecclesiastes 9:11–12; Psalm 73; Psalm 46:1

- Let's change our perspective and thinking and understand that God can use me as I encounter and go through trouble.
- You will experience trouble. And it may not be this week or next week, but ultimately you will. And how you respond is going to mean everything.
- Things don't always go your way.
- When you see yourself in trouble, it is easy to be immersed in the mess. Whatever it is. And not see this as an opportunity to display faith.
- This is not a time to neglect faith. God wants us to turn to him in crisis.
- Don't just get immersed in the mess. Focus on character and steadfastness in the midst of your trouble.

3 God Can Facilitate My Victory Over Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 2:18; Hebrews 4:16

- God can also facilitate my victory over temptation. Our sin is the result of a lack of faith.
- Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- There is no temptation given to us, but such is common to man. And with each temptation, there's a way of escape.
- He wants to help us before we're victims. He comes to the aid of the tempted.

- Besides awesome divine assistance, we have human assistance. A human face and a human touch to which we can appeal for help.
- The Lord has prayed, he has interceded for Peter that he might recover from this failure and again be of use in service in the kingdom.

4 God Can Lead Us Into His Eternal Kingdom

2 Peter 1:10; Mark 10:27; 2 Corinthians 4:7

- God can lead us into his eternal kingdom and presence.
- How can God save the likes of me? I don't deserve this. You don't deserve it. None of us deserve it. But he found a way to bring us into him.
- You need to demonstrate in your life, I am a person of faith. And you do that by pursuing those qualities.
- Jesus says, with men it is impossible. But with God all things are possible.
- This is not about me mustering sufficient strength to get the job done.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you say your life has been God dependent or self dependent? Or world dependent?

MY NOTES