INVEST IN PRAYER

Daniel 6:6-23

Daniel's commitment to prayer could have cost him everything. But investing in prayer connects us to a power that outlasts kingdoms and calms lions. Prayer has power, not because it changes the circumstances, but because it changes us. Prayer shapes our witness and invites us to see God at work.

■ Monday: Read Daniel 6:6-10. "Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed..." (NIV) What rhythms or habits shape your prayer life right now? ☐ Tuesday: Read Daniel 6:11-15. "He still prays three times a day." (NIV) Where is God calling you to be more faithful than fearful? How can prayer help? □ Wednesday: Read Daniel 6:16-18. "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" (NIV) What "lion's dens" are you facing in your own life – places of stress, uncertainty, or struggle? How can choosing to pray in those moments be an act of trusting God? ☐ Thursday: Read Daniel 6:19-23. "My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions." (NIV) How has God surprised you with peace or strength in a difficult time? How could you share your story to encourage or inspire others? ☐ Friday: Read Luke 18:1-8.

"...they should always pray and not give up." (NIV)

What helps you keep investing in prayer even when answers seem slow or silent? Where is God inviting you to stay invested in prayer this week?

☐ Saturday: Read 1 John 5:14-15.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." (NIV)

How does investing time in prayer align you with the work God is already doing? How might your prayers change if you make it a regular practice to ask, "God, what do You want in this situation?"

Daniel's story shows us what it looks like to pray with trust, conviction, and courage, even when it costs us something. What if prayer isn't our last resort—but our first investment? Practice: Schedule and spend time in daily prayer.