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Dear Friend,

When Daniel knelt in his chamber to pray, though he knew the law of King Darius, it was not first an act of defiance. He did not pray in opposition to the king so much as in devotion to the King of Kings. Daniel feared not the one who could take life but rather loved the giver of life. He was a man addicted to devotion to God. Nothing in the natural moved him from his communion with the supernatural. He prayed *as was his custom*. For a time, the outcome of his actions seemed bleak in deed; the silver platter seat at the royal feline feast!

Interestingly, who does the bible record was distressed that night of Daniel's in the lion's den? It was not Daniel but the KING! There was a deep respect for the results of Daniel's life of devotion. King Darius was so blessed by Daniel's leadership and fellowship (anointing from the living God) that he was sorry he had been tricked into creating some self exalting decree that was destroying this man. Daniel's love broke through the evil influence over Darius- the very Prince of Persia if you will.

Nothing of Daniel's time in the den was convenient for him. He stood every likelihood of dying that night and he knew it. Yet, he refused to be moved from his position of supernatural faith before the Lord. He reigned in the face of death. The results were profound. When the King ran down the next day to see if Daniel had been preserved, we see the mark of true humility in Daniel. Rather than point the finger at Darius and announce God's judgement and authority as evidenced by his preservation, Daniel responds to the King's enquiries in a more excellent way. "O King, live forever. My God...."(Dan 6:21,22) In knowing his God, he also knew his enemy, and it wasn't the king.

Daniel's custom of devotion, tried under persecutions, brought forth a greater witness than he could have ever personally attempted to declare. The king himself wrote to all in the land to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel and further penned these lovely words:

**He is the living God and enduring forever,
And His kingdom is one which will not be
destroyed, and His dominion will be forever. Dan 6:26**

You may be surprised to know that even today many in the world are being persecuted and martyred for their witness for Christ. As we see the signs of the times, we must face the reality that these opportunities may well come upon us in the very near future. The lessons of Daniel pose some profound questions to us today. What kind of customs are we establishing in our lives? A life of devotion doesn't start when the going gets tough. Are we oppressed to the degree of Daniel? Likely not. Yet, do we serve or insurrect? Whose rights are foremost in our thinking when circumstances are inconvenient? Do we leave any room for a move of God in our witness?

Many applaud the documentation of Schindler's List yet walk away not realizing that the same spirit that murdered the Jews is alive and well today. Only, it's against the Christians! In light of this fact, I am taking an unprecedented liberty with the use of your name and address.

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