"Daniel: Mighty Man Of God" Dan 6

Dan 9:23 ..., for you are greatly beloved; ...:

There are three things about Daniel I should consider.

I. Daniel and his life.

Two great character qualities in Daniel's life are:

- A. The courage to say <u>no</u>.
- Dan 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.
 - B. The courage to speak the <u>truth</u>.
- II. Daniel and his lions.

Dan 6:5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

How should I face a major crisis?

A. I should pray.

Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

1. I should pray with humility.

Dan 6:10 ..., he knelt down on his knees

2. I should pray with consistency.

Dan 6:10 ... in his upper room, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, ..., as was his custom since early days.

I Thess 5:17 pray without ceasing,

3. I should pray with thanksgiving.

Dan 6:10 ... Daniel ... prayed and gave thanks before his God,

B. I should express <u>faith</u>.

Heb 11:33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

III. Daniel and his Lord.

Notice how the Lord responded to Daniel's faith and commitment.

A. There was deliverance.

Dan 6:21-22 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

B. There was destruction.

Dan 6:23-24 Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God. And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions—them, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.

C. There was declaration.

Dan 6:26-27 I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end. He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

With God's help, I can follow the example of <u>Daniel</u>.