



WARM-UP

DANIEL'S RESOLVE

1. Have you ever had a really difficult homework or exam? How did you finish it?
2. Was there a time when someone asked you a question you couldn't answer? What did you do?

WORD

It has been difficult for the past few months, because of the pandemic we are experiencing. Out of this difficult situation, we're longing for something or someone to help us.

There was a time in the Old Testament when the Israelites or God's chosen people were taken out of their country and were sent to Babylon. While staying in that place, Daniel and other young men were chosen to be trained as servants of the king. Daniel faced a lot of difficult situations, one of which was when he and his friends were ordered to eat food that God commanded them not to eat.

Here we can learn how God helped Daniel overcome the difficult situations he faced.

1. We can go through difficult situations with God's wisdom.

5 But if any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. God is generous. He enjoys giving to all people, so God will give you wisdom.

James 1:5 (ICB)

Knowing what's right is different from actually doing it. When we are facing difficult situations, we can ask God to help us know what to do and the courage to obey Him.

Daniel decided not to eat the food of the king because it would make him unclean and will not please God. He had the wisdom to obey God more than the order of the king. Only God could have given this wisdom to Daniel. This was made possible because Daniel had a close relationship with God.



LOYALTY TO THE ROYALTY

2. Put your trust and hope in God

God made Ashpenaz want to be kind and merciful to Daniel.

Daniel 1:9 (ICB)

Ashpenaz was the chief officer that was handling Daniel and his friends. When Daniel asked permission from Ashpenaz to not eat the king's food, Ashpenaz ordered a guard to watch over Daniel and his friends. Daniel asked permission from the guard to test them by only eating vegetables and drinking water. After ten days, Daniel and his friends looked better than the young men who ate the king's food.

God sustained Daniel and his friends throughout the ten days and made them healthier! These all happened during a very difficult time for the Israelites. So Even at times when we feel like nothing is happening, God is working. God is fighting for us. He will give us success and favor as we put our trust and hope in Him.

You will only need to remain calm. The Lord will fight for you.

Exodus 14:14 (ICB)

APPLICATION

1. What will you do whenever you are faced with a difficult situation? What will you tell God?
2. What do you think God is doing right now in our world? How will you pray about it?

ACTIVITY

Share to your leader about something difficult that you're going through right now It could be about your family or friends. Pray that God will give you the wisdom and strength to go through it and the faith to believe that God is fighting for you. Also, pray for your family or friends if they are going through a difficult situation.

