

November 15, 2026
Daniel Series
Main Text

Pastor Trey Hildebrant
Rooted
Daniel 6

Discussion Questions

Belong: Icebreaker

Who is someone that you know and admire that you believe has led a compelling life? Who are they? How do you know them? What is it about their lives that stands out to you? What have they taught you?

Welcome to the **"Daniel: Far from Home** series**"**.

Today, we are in week six of a SEVEN-week series through the OT book of Daniel called **Far from Home** – we are **far from home** spiritually and this impacts how we live in this culture.

The world is **complex**. We experience fear and confusion as we look to the future and try to navigate life. ***Follower of Jesus or not***, we can all admit that there is worry about how to live today and prepare for tomorrow.

Concerns about the economy, politics, global relations, our collective morals and values as a culture, anger and division, relationship tensions…from raising kids, watching the news just waiting for the next shoe to drop, another bombshell report affecting everything from gas prices to the price of a hamburger! The rise of AI and the never-ending swirl of technology giving rise to even more worry about the future.

We live in a **complex and confusing** time. We have tons of questions with no easy answers. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will talk about questions like these:

- What's my role in today's constantly shifting culture?
- Can I live boldly for Jesus in my career in the 21st century?
- How should I respond when someone says my Christian views are unloving?
- How do I help my kids engage in a culture without losing them to it?
- Can we engage culture without compromising our faith?

Believe:

Read Daniel 6:1-5

What was Daniel's reputation like in Babylon?

Re-Read Daniel 6:4 in a couple of different translations to make Daniel's character clear - discuss what you have learned about Daniel's character so far in this series and why he was also targeted by his enemies?

"Don't miss the power of this – Because Daniel lived so well, they could not find any way to take him out. They had to make something up! The way He lived was so holy and good, that the only way to take him out was with a ***deceitful scheme****. " Pastor Trey Hildebrant*

What does it mean to live "above reproach?"

Why does it matter that followers of Jesus live lives marked by integrity, excellence, and God-honoring character? How might our character influence the way others see Jesus?

Read Daniel 6:7–9

What did the Babylonian leaders use against Daniel? Why do you think they picked "for thirty days"

If we weren't allowed to pray to God for thirty days, how would our lives be any different??

Become:

Read Daniel 6:10-13

What was Daniel's response when the document was signed? What, if anything, changed for Daniel? If you were to describe his actions in one word, what would you choose? How does this inspire you? Explain your answer.

"Daniel did what he always did. He prayed. No matter the law or the outside pressure, Daniel could not compromise his worship of God. He faces persecution, lies, attack, and enemies with great courage. " Pastor Trey Hildebrant

Read Daniel 6:14-18

How did the king respond to this situation involving Daniel? What does this reveal about the King? Why does he ultimately throw Daniel into the Lion's Den?

Read Daniel 6:21-23

Why did Daniel survive the lion's den? What stands out to you about Daniel's response when the king asks whether his God was able to rescue him? What do you learn about God in this story?

Does God always rescue His people from difficult circumstances? What does this story teach us about trusting God, even when we don't know the outcome

Think about your own life. What is your version of being in the lion's den? What is God asking you to completely trust Him with right now? How might prayer strengthen your faith as you navigate difficult circumstances?

Talk as a group how you can pray for each other and with each other this week. Here are a couple of ideas:

- Pick a time to pray at the same time each day (For example 6:10AM or 6:10PM for Daniel 6:10).
- Have prayer partners and trade prayer requests for the week.
- Read and pray through Daniel 9 as a group this week.
- If you are physically able, get on your knees and pray this week.

Closing:

- Spend time praying together as a group.
- Listen to the **Between the Lines Podcast** with Pastor Trey and Matt McGee to find out more about the story of Daniel. You can find it on the First Orlando App by clicking on “Experience” and then choose “Podcast” and find First Orlando’s Between the Lines.
- Note: If your group is taking off the week after Thanksgiving (11:29) let them know! Also, ALL Groups will not be meeting on December 6th due to the Christmas presentation. Make sure you tell your group members!