



Sermon Outline
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Pre-decide
Significant
Decisions
Daniel 6

Three decisions Daniel and his friends pre-decided they would not compromise.

1. Matters of _____.

Daniel 1:8a - But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine...

2. Absolute _____ to God.

Daniel 3:18b - ... we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.

Acts 5:29 - Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"

3. Personal _____ with God.

Daniel 6:5 - Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

Why was/is prayer such a big deal?

*** Prayer grants us _____
to the very throne room of God.**

To _____ or not to _____. That is the question.

Daniel had three options:

1. _____ praying
2. _____ - pray silently
3. _____ praying and risk death

All of us want a miracle but we don't want to be in a situation that necessitates a miracle. But you can't have one without the other.

Prayer is not a _____ thing. It's a _____ deal.

Daniel 6:10 - Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Sometimes we pray for God to change our circumstances, but those are the very circumstances God's using to change us.

Important decisions to pre-decide:

1. _____ focus.

2 Corinthians 10:5b - ...we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Philippians 4:8 - Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

2. _____ boundaries.

1 Corinthians 6:19 - Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.

Genesis 39:9 - No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?

3. _____ rhythms.

1 Timothy 4:7b8 - ...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.