

Daniel 2:1-25

Our faith manifests not through the knowledge we possess or the words we speak but through our soul, mind, and thoughts. However, even we may find it difficult to truly understand our own faith. Sometimes, we might mistakenly believe we have faith simply because of our knowledge or words. True faith, however, is revealed when we face problems that are beyond our ability to resolve.

In today's passage, Daniel faces a problem where the king intends to have him killed. As a man of faith, Daniel responds with faith. His responses, which reflect his faith, are recorded in the passage. Today, we want to examine Daniel's demonstration of faith and take time to reflect on ourselves. May this time also lead us to ask God for greater faith, in the name of the Lord.

How did the man of faith respond when faced with an unsolvable problem?

First, Calmness (Verses 14-16)

In the presence of the king's captain, Daniel neither became agitated nor raised his voice. Instead, he responded calmly and thoughtfully, using wise and discerning words to pacify the captain. Furthermore, he boldly approached King Nebuchadnezzar, who sought to kill him, and asked for time.

Daniel believed in the living God. He was confident that nothing is hidden from God, who knows all things, is alive, and is with him, helping him. In the face of unjust and seemingly dire circumstances, Daniel trusted in the presence of God. His belief in God gave him the composure to overcome fear.

A person of faith overcomes fear by looking to God. Though we may be powerless, we do not fear because we trust that God is sovereign over all things.

Second, Prayer (Verses 17-18)

Nebuchadnezzar, troubled by an ominous dream, summoned the wise and capable individuals in his palace to solve the problem. However, no solution could be found. Daniel, in response, informed his friends about the crisis and asked them to pray. He, too, went to a place of prayer, where he experienced God's answer.

People of faith, when faced with challenges—especially those beyond their capacity to resolve—begin by praying. They present their problems to God. Faith acknowledges the greatness of God and our own smallness and weakness. This is humility, and such humility before God leads us to bow down and pray.

No one is without problems among us. Therefore, we all must pray. Don't merely worry or sigh over your problems—pray to God. When you call out to Him, seeking His help, He will open the heavens and reveal new miracles to you.

Third, Praise and Thanksgiving (Verses 19-23)

Verse 19 reveals that God showed Daniel the hidden matters through a vision at night. Daniel's immediate response was thanksgiving and praise. Verses 20-23 record Daniel's praise and thanksgiving to God. Experiencing God's answer to prayer is truly precious. When God revealed the dream and its interpretation, Daniel did not immediately go to the king. Instead, his first act was to praise and thank God.

We, too, must offer thanksgiving and praise to God in worship and prayer. Even if the situation or problem has not yet been resolved, we give thanks and praise because we trust that the living God, who has placed us in the position of prayer and worship, is with us, helping and protecting us.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

**Bible
Reading**

11/25(Mon)	11/26(Tue)	11/27(Wed)	11/28(Thur)	11/29(Fri)	11/30(Sat)	12/1(Sun)
Acts 23-25	Acts 26-28	Romans 1-3	Romans 4-6	Romans 7-9	Romans 10-11	Romans 12-15

QT

Quiet Time Passage

11/25(Mon)	11/26(Tue)	11/27(Wed)	11/28(Thur)	11/29(Fri)	11/30(Sat)	12/1(Sun)
Rev. 3:14-22	Rev. 4:1-4	Rev. 4:5-11	Rev. 5:1-7	Rev. 5:8-14	Rev. 6:1-17	Rev. 7:1-8

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share how you experienced God’s grace in your life through last week’s sermon or your personal quiet time (QT) with God.

2. Share any new insights or grace you received from today’s sermon.

3. Reflect on how you have responded to challenges in the past. Examine your faith and pray together with your small group members for each other’s faith.