

The Life of Daniel Week 2

Passing the Tests

(Small Groups Participant Guide)

Group Time

Introduction

Courage: It's something we all desire. Some people believe it means that we are not afraid of anything. In fact, it is quite the opposite. We all have moments of fear. It's in those moments where we get to decide to be overcome by that fear or to have courage despite the fear. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit this week as he speaks to you about the supernatural courage that only God can give in the face of life's tests, and how we can prepare ahead of time for those tests.

Discussion Questions

- 1.** Faced with persecution, prison or even death, how might you respond? Read Daniel 2:14-18. How did Daniel respond to the king's threats? What kept him grounded? Read Isaiah 41:10 and John 14:27. Considering these verses and Daniel's life, what steps can we take to prepare for our next crisis or test?
- 2.** Read Daniel 1:8, 6:12-16 and Luke 16:10. How did Daniel's obedience in Chapter 1 and other events in his life prepare him for the test he would face in Chapter 6? Do you have an example of a small act of obedience that prepared you for a larger test, and how did you manage to stick to your convictions? Share.
- 3.** Read Daniel 6:10-11 and 2:19-20. How did Daniel's prayer life aid in the development of his courage to obey, and his trust in God? How did Daniel pray? What happens to our convictions and courage when we have a consistent prayer life? Share some life examples.

4. In Daniel 3, Daniel's friends were told that they would be thrown into a fiery furnace if they did not bow down and worship an idol. Read Daniel 3:17-18 and Romans 8:28. What is so extraordinary about the men's faith in this situation? How can you use Romans 8:28 in your next crisis or test?

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Memory Verse

Romans 8:28: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose."

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