



Daniel 6

WARM UP

Are you a morning person or a night person?

SET IT UP

Daniel was dragged from his home and forced to march 500 miles to the capital of Babylon. And there, far from his family, his people, his place of worship—far from everything familiar—his convictions were put to the test. For over sixty years, Daniel thrived in a society that didn't share his morals. If Daniel can do that in Babylon, what can we do today?

CHAT IT UP

1. **What's your favorite part about your job or current life responsibilities?**
2. Near the end of his career Daniel's accomplishments made others so jealous they sought to discredit him. **Read Daniel 6:4-5. What happened?** (Answer: They couldn't find anything.)
3. I won't ask you if you would like to have 120 people trying to dig up dirt on you! **What did the satraps (other governors) decide to do?** (Answer: They decided to use Daniel's faith to bring him down.)
4. **Being a good worker made Daniel enemies. Has that ever happened to you?**
5. **What options does someone have when a co-worker or boss puts on pressure?** (Possible Answers: Fight back, defend yourself by claiming your rights, "lay low," or love your enemies.)
6. Mark asked the question: Are you a thermostat or a thermometer? Thermostat's raise the temperature and thermometer's reflect the environment they are in. **Which one do you tend to be around non-Christians?**
7. Mark said that American Christians don't seem to suffer well. **Do you agree? Why do you think that is?**
8. **What is the biggest takeaway or change you plan to make as a result of this series?** (For a refresher, see notes below.)

WRAP IT UP

God works through people who don't pull away, blend in, or lash out. The next time the pressure is on, pause, and choose the action that will point to Christ!

LEADER TIPS

You can go over the summary below if your group members need a quick refresher on the series:

- **Daniel 1:** Daniel taken into captivity. **Big idea:** It's never wise to compromise.
- **Daniel 2:** The king threatens to kill his advisors if they can't interpret his dream. **Big idea:** When this world seems out of control, remind yourself that God is not.
- **Daniel 3:** The king orders Daniel's friends to bow down to an idol. **Big idea:** Either fear or faith will determine your future.
- **Daniel 4:** The king's pride gets the better of him and God teaches him a lesson. **Big idea:** We can be humble or be humbled.
- **Daniel 5:** The king put off the important until it was too late. **Big Idea:** Delay is the deadliest form of denial.
- **Daniel 6:** Daniel was thrown in the lion's den for keeping the faith. **Big Idea:** God works through people who don't pull away, blend in, or lash out.