

*With everything going on in our world today, it can be challenging to live out our faith.*

*Society mocks those who trust in GOD & although we don't experience nowhere near the level of persecution that those in other countries experience or early Christian martyrs – every day we move closer to being less accepted in practicing our faith.*

*If you vote for a particular candidate – you can be labeled a racist.*

*If you believe in the sanctity of marriage – you are labeled a homophobe.*

*If you believe in preserving the life of the unborn – you could be considered insensitive to the choice of others.*

*If you pray – you could be considered insane.*

*But no matter what we are facing, it is possible to be faithful.*

*Today – I want to give you some encouragement on “Living Out Your Faith”!*

## Daniel 6:7-10

*Daniel was living in a place where he was working directly for the King.*

*King Darius had placed Daniel over 120 Princes, 3 Presidents & the Governors, Counsellors & Captains of all the land.*

*Still – they were offended that Daniel was praying & talking to GOD.*

*As those leaders assembled in their collective, Congress or Senate – they drafted a mandate.*

*This mandate said – no man could pray.*

*If anyone broke this mandate – they would be thrown into the lion's den.*

*These appointed officers convinced the King to sign this mandate.*

*Daniel was well aware what was happening in his community.*

*He was paying attention to the news & listening to the all the chatter about taking away his right to pray.*

*He not only knew what had taken place – but Daniel decided to keep right on doing what he was doing.*

*Even though a mandate had been signed.*

*Even though it was against the authority of the King.*



*There really isn't much difference between Daniel & Christians today.*

*The only difference is our commitment to "Living Out Our Faith".*

### 1. PUT IN THE WORK

✠ James 2:26 ~ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

*We can't get lazy in our walk with GOD – it will take work!*

### 2. STAY COMMITTED

✠ Hebrews 10:23 ~ Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

*We can't be on for GOD one minute & off the next – hold fast!*

### 3. AIM TO PLEASE GOD

✠ Hebrews 11:6 ~ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

*GOD rewards faithfulness – take HIM at HIS word!*

*Daniel remained faithful to GOD & that paid off.*

*When Daniel needed GOD the most – GOD did not disappoint.*

Daniel 6:22 ~ My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

*The same GOD who Daniel prayed to – YOU can pray to!*

*The same GOD that Daniel depended on – YOU can depend on!*

*The same GOD that Daniel was faithful to – YOU can be faithful to!*

*The same GOD that delivered Daniel in his time of need – will deliver YOU as well!*

*This week – "Live Out Your Faith" – wavering nothing!*



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