

Sermon Study Guide – October 29th, 2023

"Live with Steadfast Faith"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What does it mean to be steadfast? What are some things you would describe as steadfast?
- ◆ How can faith be steadfast versus how can it not be steadfast? What should we do to ensure we have a steadfast faith?

2) Today's Message: Daniel 6:10-23 (see bulletin for full text)

¹⁰Now 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. ¹¹Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹²So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed..." ¹⁶So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!..." ¹⁹At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²²My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty." ²³The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

3) What does God want you to hear today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...

1. How is Luther an example of “steadfast faith”?
2. How is Daniel an example of “steadfast faith”, in a different way?
3. What lie does Satan tell to prevent us from having “steadfast faith”?
4. How is our “living God” even more steadfast than we are?
5. Our faith is not just a “spectator sport”... What does that mean?
6. How did the king react to Daniel being unharmed? What takeaway is there for us as we “live differently” among people in our lives?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *read/review* Mt. 10:16-42

Tuesday: *review* Ro. 3;19-28, Ps. 46

Wednesday: 2 Peter 3

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-58

Friday: 1 Timothy 4

Saturday: *read/review* Daniel 6