

Faith Vs. Fear – When Lions Roar  
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Text: Daniel 6:10-13 & 16

Throughout history occasions have risen when those who worship God are persecuted. Those who have an authentic relationship with God overcome fear with faith.

1. There will always be roaring lions attempting to cripple us with fear

*“So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.” Daniel 6:4*

Jesus: *“Remember the word that I said to you, A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.” John 15:20*

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” 1 Peter 5:8*

2. We are called upon to set our hearts towards God not the lion.

*“Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.” Daniel 10:12*

- We are called upon to understand

*“God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God” Psalm 53:2*

*“The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.” Proverbs 15:14*

- We are called upon to humble ourselves

*Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble” Proverbs 3:34*

*But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “ God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6*

3. The God we serve is greater than any threat we may encounter

*“My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.” Daniel 6:22*

Closing thought: Do you have a living faith? Those willing to die for their faith must first be willing to live it!