

# DO NOT COMPLY

A STUDY THROUGH DANIEL



# WEEK 7: FORK IN THE ROAD (DANIEL 6)

## WELCOME

Imagine you're at a "fork in the road" where one path takes you back in time and the other takes you into the future. Which way are you going, and what's the first thing you'd do?

## WORSHIP

Sing a couple of worship songs together. Ask someone to play the guitar, play a YouTube video, or go a cappella!

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Ask someone to read **Psalm 57** and then, give some time for people to voice whatever prayers that Psalm brings to their minds.

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## WORD

1. According to **Daniel 6:1-5**, why do the government officials hate Daniel? How is Daniel's faith connected to his integrity/character?

2. What does **Daniel 6:10** reveal about Daniel's commitment to prayer, and how does this practice demonstrate both grace and truth in his life?

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3. How does the irony of King Darius' admiration for Daniel, yet inability to save him due to his own decree, highlight the limitations of human authority in contrast to God's power?

4. What can we learn from Daniel's response in **Daniel 6:21** ("May the king live forever!") about showing grace even when facing injustice?

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5. List the different ways that King Darius describes God in *Daniel 6:25-27*

6. How does the irony of Daniel's peace in the lions' den contrast with the anxiety King Darius felt? How can you cultivate that kind of peace in your own challenging circumstances?

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7. How do *Romans 8:1, 31* and *1 John 4:4* encourage you to remain faithful during your “fork in the road” moments?

## **WITNESS**

Update the group on the person that you are trying to talk to about Jesus.

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

1. Memorize **Daniel 6:26-27** (the 2nd part of verse 26)
2. Read **Daniel 6** every day this week in one setting (try reading it in a different translation every day in the **Bible App** or **Bible Gateway**).
3. Read **Daniel 6:10; 1 Kings 8:44-50; Jonah 2:1-9; 2 Chronicles 6:36-39**
  - Write down how these prayers show devotion and faith in the midst of trials.
  - Compare Daniel's prayer to the prayers in these passages. What are the common elements of faith and reliance on God?
  - How can these prayers inspire you to pray more boldly and faithfully when you face difficult situations?
4. **Daniel 6:3** says that Daniel "distinguished himself" because of his exceptional qualities, which included his integrity and faithfulness to God. Read **1 Peter 2:11-12; Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:14-16**
  - Write down what these verses say about living in such a way that others see God's light through you.
  - How can you apply Daniel's example of integrity and faithfulness in your own context, whether at work, school, or in your community?
  - What specific steps can you take this week to live in a way that points others to God, even when facing "fork in the road" moments?