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5 LESSON

DANIEL



Daniel shows us what "faith" looks like in *real-life*. This course will show how real faith in God looks in our life on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and through every day of our life.

Have your Bible open to Daniel Chapter 2, as you read through the story of this great man. You will be asked to read some, then fill in any missing words.

LET'S GET STARTED:

The Bible gives to us stories about faith. Faith is simply trusting God. It is believing what He says or promises is true, and you are willing to risk everything on God's Word! We will see that Daniel's life, whether he would live or die, rested totally upon God's promise to him. No one could save him, except God.

From Genesis (the first book) to Revelation (the last book) the Bible illustrates to us what faith looks like in real life. The very center verse of the Bible talks about faith. Let's do a quick Sword Drill. See if you can find Psalm 118:9, before you count to 15 seconds. Count like this, "one-thousand one, one-thousand two". See if you can beat your own count to 15 seconds. Bible flat, Ready-Set-Go!

Now that you have the verse, read it to fill in words missing below:

"It is better to _____ in the _____ than to put confidence in princes." Ps. 118:9

I. DANIEL ASKED HIS LORD FOR WISDOM

In your Bible read Daniel 2:1-6. It is always a wise decision when we decide to trust God. We ask God for the ability to understand or do or believe that which we are not capable of within ourselves.

In the book of James, Chapter 1, there is a verse that teaches this great truth. See if you can find it, and complete the missing words below:

"If any of you lack _____, let him _____ of _____, that giveth to _____ men..."

A. DANIEL MUST HAVE GOD'S HELP

The King had requested of Daniel what Daniel could *not do*. Daniel asked for ability *above and beyond* that which he had. *That's what faith is*, and when we put ourselves into *God's hands*, then is when the Lord inputs to us such an ability. Daniel could not do it - but he knew that *God could!*

Without God's help, Daniel will be killed.

The King asked for Daniel to tell him the meaning of a dream in which even the King himself could not remember his own dream.

THE PROBLEM

The King had a dream. He couldn't even tell Daniel what it was about. Daniel had to know what it was about, plus what it meant, or dear Daniel would die. Some problem - Huh!

THE SOLUTION

Not Daniel - But Daniel's faith put God on his team. If Daniel is living a life that pleases God, he can expect God's help!

B. DANIEL ASKED OTHERS TO HELP

Daniel knew some others who were right with God and could pray. He asked others to pray with him and for him. That is a great way to live. Pray often yourself, then get others to pray for you.



Read Daniel 2:17-18 here. When others pray with you, *it multiplies the prayers to God!*

2. DANIEL THANKED HIS LORD FOR THE WISDOM GOD PROMISED AND GAVE

Read here Daniel 2:19-23.

A. DANIEL GIVES PRAISE TO THE LORD

Did you see what Daniel did? "**Blessed be the name of God, for ever and ever: for _____ and _____ are _____.**" Over and over, Daniel lists the reasons he praises God. He said, God alone has given him the answer (wisdom). The honor and glory went to God, not to himself.

B. DANIEL TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS FOR GOD

Now, read Daniel 2:24-29.

Daniel made sure the King knew that this answer came *from God*.

List **three** ways you could witness for the Lord:

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

3. DANIEL'S TRUST AWARDED HIM

Read now the end of our story - Daniel 2:46-49.

Daniel needed this test of faith, because even greater tests were about to come. Chapter 3 tells us the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Chapter 6 brings testing again to Daniel as he is cast into the den of lions.

We see faith or trust in God bring both through the test where again *God was given the glory*. Faith in God is not just a lesson you hear in Sunday School, but it's a *life you live* on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc.

Faith is **YOUR** trust in God. Our faith in God should help us in two ways:

(1) **FAITH PLEASES GOD (Hebrews 11:6)**

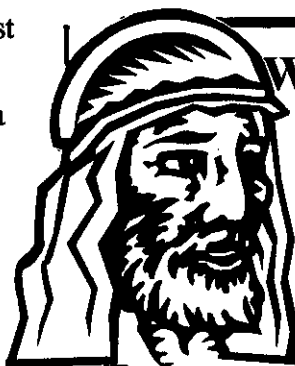
(2) **FAITH HELPS ME EVERY DAY OF LIFE**

Trust *honors* the Lord. Trust brings *glory* to the Lord. Trust is a *good testimony* before others. The question is: **ARE YOU TRUSTING HIM?**

REVIEW...DANIEL

(find these answers on page 2-3)

1. Daniel could not do it - but he knew that _____!
2. Daniel teaches us that in prayer needs, "Pray often yourself, then get _____ to _____ for you."
4. List 3 ways that *FAITH* helps you in everyday life:
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) _____



WHEN DANIEL FACED THE LIONS JAWS

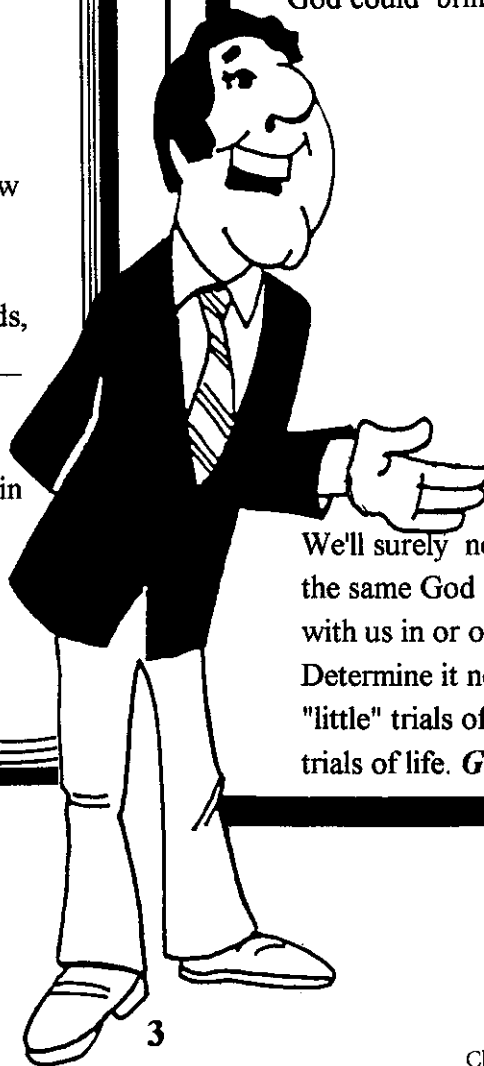
From man's (our) view, Daniel was soon to be a dead man, forever.

But God's view is from above, and reaches into tomorrow and on into the rest of your life. Until God says it's time for your last Breath on this earth, He still has a plan for your life.

God still had a work for Daniel to do. So, to God, it really didn't matter whether it be lions, crocodiles, or torture dungeons. God could spare the life of Daniel if He pleased. God could bring him out of harms way or take him right through the middle of harm without a scratch.

Here is where faith comes in - *Daniel's* faith. Daniel knew that God was in control, and whatever that was to mean was all right with him!

We'll surely never face a den of lions, but the same God of Daniel's day desires to be with us in or out of our own circumstances. Determine it now, to be as faithful in your "little" trials of life as Daniel was in his huge trials of life. ***God is still in control!!***



CORONATION

IN A CORNFIELD

by Adriana Kassner



CHAPTER 6

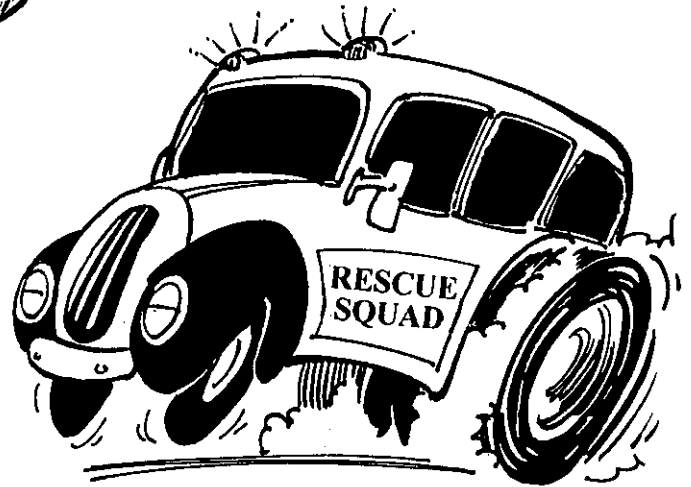
Anna Katrina fainted on the dark dusty lane as we waited for help to arrive. At that moment, I was more frightened than I had ever been in my whole life. I knelt beside her and listened closely to the broken rhythm of her breathing, hoping beyond anything that it would not stop. Her leg was starting to swell. I did not know how much longer it would take for the venom to reach her heart.

I had never prayed before, though I had heard Marta do it many times. I wished that Marta was there with me. Her faith was strong, I knew that God would listen to her.

As I looked up pleading toward the vast night sky I felt very small and helpless.

"Please God," I began. "I know that sometimes I am selfish and disobedient but please help Anna. It wasn't her idea to come out here. Please, please don't let her die."

Then, suddenly, beyond the stillness and quiet, I recognized the sound of an ambulance in the distance. Before long it was coming toward us down the lane. Help had arrived at last! Anna was immediately treated and taken to the hospital.



We learned later that she had been bitten by a copperhead. By thinking quickly and going for help, Corrie had saved her life.

When she was sent home the next afternoon, Marta took Corrie and I to visit her. Heiko and Anna's mother was there. She spoke only in German, but no language barrier could keep us from understanding what she meant to express that day. She gave Corrie a tight hug and kissed him on both cheeks.

"Danke! Danke!" she said. Corrie was a hero.

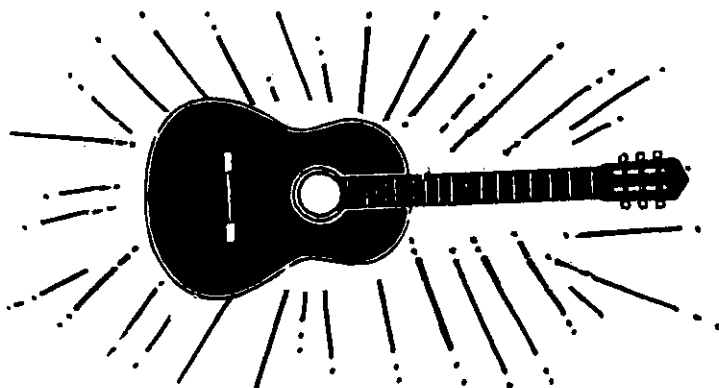
"Catherine, I think it's about time you brought Corrie to the Golden City." said Heiko. "Yes," agreed Anna, "He's definitely part of the group now."

As we were leaving, we passed Rev. and Mrs. Rupert who had also stopped by to visit Anna Katrina. They told us they were going to have a surprise birthday party for Mr. Henry in two weeks. "Spread the word

to all of your friends." said Mrs. Rupert. "You're all invited to come."

The next time we met together at the Golden City, we crowned Corrie a prince. After the ceremony, we sat down to discuss Mr. Henry's birthday party. Corrie suggested that we all pull together to buy Mr. Henry a birthday present. Everyone thought it was a great idea.

"A few days ago, I was in a pawn shop with my dad." said Peter. "I saw a really nice guitar there for \$150. I was thinking that Mr. Henry would probably like it since he lost his old one in the fire."



We immediately began our quest to earn the money we needed. During the next ten days we emptied out our piggy banks, mowed lawns and sold lemonade. But when it came down to the last few days before the party, we did not have nearly enough. We still needed almost \$100 dollars. Then Heiko had an idea. He brought a small stone with him to the Golden City and passed it around for everyone to see.

"Take a good look at that rock." Heiko said.

I observed it's odd shape, it's bumps and ridges.

"It looks like a little creature." said Elizabeth.

"It was at one time." said Heiko. "This is not just your average rock. It is a fossil called a trilobite. I found it right here in the creek."

"How is a fossil going to help us buy Mr. Henry a guitar?" asked John.

"Well, yesterday I took it to my grandfather's friend, Professor Kopple, who collects fossils as a hobby. He was excited when he realized that it was a trilobite and then he offered to pay me up to *ten dollars* a piece for all the ones I bring him that are in good condition."

We needed no further convincing. In an instant we had kicked off our shoes and begun wading through the creek in a diligent search for the small gray trilobites. Our goal was to find ten good ones.

Tirzah and Elizabeth had a real knack for spotting them in the rippling water. They found more than the rest of us found combined. At the end of the day we eagerly piled up our findings. There were twelve perfect trilobites in all.

"Just think," said Heiko, "Prof. Kopple says that these fossils are millions of years old."

There was a sudden awkward silence.

"Is that why he wants them so badly?" asked James.

"Yes, I guess so." Heiko admitted.

Then to all of our surprise, small, quiet Tirzah stood up and boldly protested. "If that's why he wants them, then I don't want to give him the ones I've found."

"Why not?" asked Heiko, puzzled.

"Because the earth's not billions of years. God created the earth only several thousand years ago. I'm not going to sell my trilobites as something they are not."

Then everyone quickly looked at me. "You're the queen, Catherine. What do you say.?"

For a brief second I wished that I was not the queen. "Well, ...uh...first I want to hear all of your opinions."

Peter, James, and John agreed with Tirzah and Elizabeth. They voted no. Heiko defended that they were trying to do a good deed for Mr. Henry. "If there is a God, wouldn't He be happy with that?"

"Heiko, I'm not sure there is a God either," said Anna Katrina. "We weren't raised to believe in One. But after what happened to me the other night, I feel sure that if there is One, I wouldn't want Him to be upset with us."

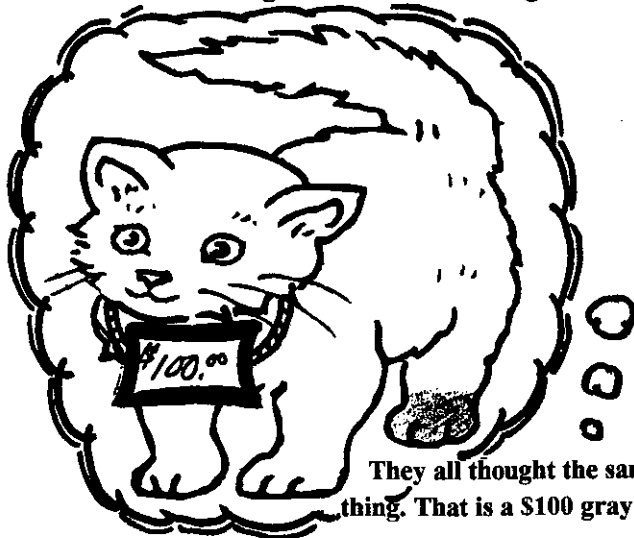
Corrie and I had spent too much time around Marta to question the existence of God. So it was settled. If we were going to buy Mr. Henry a present, the money would just have to come from another source.

Just then, we heard a wild screeching sound coming from behind the castle. Two cats were fighting in the bushes. Anna jumped up. "Felisha! Stop it!"

Out leaped Felisha, followed by another cat - another white cat! "Could it be?" We all looked at each other in disbelief.

"Mrs. Bingham's missing cat!" "It even has one gray paw!"

We wasted no time taking the cat to Mrs. Bingham.



Sure enough, the cat was her missing Fluffy. She very gladly gave us the \$100 reward money to do with as we wished.

Mr. Henry's birthday party was a celebration to remember. Half the town showed up under a large striped tent on the lawn of the Baptist church. Mr. Henry was very surprised and moved by this outpouring of love. He received many gifts but none more special than the new beautiful guitar that my friends and I presented to him. For the rest of the evening there was singing and much laughter around a bon fire!

(end chapter 6)

REVIEW... JUDSON

(find answers in the his story)

1. At what age did God lay on his heart a burden for missions? _____
2. How did Judson earn favor with the Emperor of the land, who was an idol worshipper? _____
3. For how many months was Judson in a prison of much torture? _____
4. What race of wild jungle people did he reach with the gospel. _____
5. 100 years after his death, how many Christians were in Burma? _____

ADONIRAM JUDSON

BORN: August 9, 1788, in Massachusetts. DIED: April 12, 1850, in Bay of Bengal, Burma coast. Adoniram Judson, at age of twelve, had mastered the Greek language. He later graduated from Brown U. with valedictorian honors. He was brilliant in mind.



At about the age of twenty-one, God had laid on his heart a deep burden for missions. At this time about the only work in America for missions was with the native American Indians. There was no organized group sending missionaries to foreign fields. In 1814 the American Baptist Missionary Union was formed and Judson was a part.

He arrived first in India, but because of the war of 1812, they were not permitted to stay. They sailed on to Rangoon, Burma. People were worshipping idols, Buddhists, and the emperor would not allow any other religious teaching. Judson used his medical knowledge to gain favor with this idolatrous emperor. Mrs. Judson opened a home for children and women. She was excellent. This allowed Judson to spend his time mastering the language in order to translate the Bible into Burmese. He did later. After six years of labor, they saw the first convert to Christianity! Within two years they baptized 18 converts and a Burmese church was started.

Later on, friendships with the government would cease, not because of their work, but from war. Judson was literally dragged away. He was forbidden to speak, was denied water, fresh clothes. Every day at three o'clock prisoners were led to their execution. Judson never knew if tomorrow would be his last day. For seventeen months, he suffered severe punishment. In all this, Adoniram Judson was still translating the Bible. His wife made a hard pillow, in which he could hide his papers of translation work. The jailer grabbed it for his own. She made another, nicer pillow, which Judson then traded the jailer to get the hard one back again. The jailer never knew.

Judson was bound with three sets of chains for nine of those months. His sufferings of pain, fever, torture, heat, hunger, and many unwritten accounts testify to the strength that comes from God. More than once he prayed for a speedy death. His wife Ann would bribe the jailer, and each night would sneak to Judson's cage, bringing bits of food and words of encouragement. Because of the many diseases, the Judson's buried three babies. Then Judson buried his precious wife also.

In 1830 he began reaching the *Karens*, a race of wild people deep in the jungles. A Christian once bought a *Karen* slave. He brought the young man to Judson to be taught and evangelized. This man was a bandit and had been involved in 30 murders. Before long he trusted the Savior, to become a much used of God evangelist among his own people. In 1837 there were 1,144 baptized converts in Burma. After his death, this work increased to 7,000 converts and 63 churches. The missionary staff increased to 163. One hundred years later Burma had some 200,000 Christians!