

Daniel's Prayer Life

Devotion – Development – Discovery

Introduction

Recently, I attended a workshop where they talked about seven important areas of life that we constantly need to adjust, especially as we move into a new year:

- Fitness
- Friends
- Fun
- Field (calling/work)
- Family
- Faith
- Finance

What stood out to me was that **prayer wasn't on the list**. But the truth is, prayer doesn't need its own category—**it lives inside faith**. Prayer is not an accessory to our faith; it is the engine that sustains it.

Today, we're going to look at **Daniel's prayer life** and how God used it to shape him through **devotion, development, and discovery**.

Our main text comes from **Daniel chapter 6**.

1. DEVOTION

Daniel 6:10 (NKJV) Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

Daniel didn't pray because of fear— he prayed because of faith.

When the decree was signed, Daniel didn't change his spiritual routine. He didn't negotiate his devotion. He didn't adjust his faith to the culture.

Prayer wasn't a reaction to danger; **it was a rhythm built over time**.

Colossians 4:2 (NLT) Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

Devotion means consistency, not convenience. Daniel was faithful in private long before he was tested in public.

2. DEVELOPMENT

Daniel 6:16–17 (NKJV) So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." ¹⁷ Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of

the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

Daniel didn't develop overnight.

Before the lions' den:

- He had lived under pressure
- He had seen God answer prayers
- His life had already been threatened

God uses **years**, not just moments, to shape us.

Faith is developed through **repetition and perseverance**. Consistency builds spiritual tenacity.

Over many years, God develops us through prayer—especially in areas we once felt weak. Spiritual authority is formed in the unseen places, through battles no one applauds.

When prayer becomes a lifestyle, faith becomes unshakable.

3. DISCOVERY

Prayer doesn't just change situations — **it reveals truth**.

Daniel 8:15–17 (NKJV) Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning... 'Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.'

Daniel had dreams and visions he didn't understand, but instead of giving up, he waited on God.

Through prayer we discover:

- Who God is
- Who we are becoming
- What God is passionate about
- What needs to be released from our lives

Daniel was serious about his prayer life, and God entrusted him with revelation.

Application & Closing Challenge

As we enter this season of fasting and prayer, you are going to **discover things**:

- About God
- About yourself
- About areas that need alignment
- About things God is asking you to let go of

1 Peter 4:7 (NKJV) "But the end of all things is at hand; therefore, be serious and watchful in your prayers."

My question to you is this:

- Are you serious about your prayer life?
- Are you truly devoted to God?
- How will you use the next 21 days to get back on track?

Let these next 21 days be a **spiritual launch**, not just a temporary sacrifice.

Conclusion

Daniel's life shows us what **devoted faith looks like over time**.

From his earliest days in the kingdom, God was shaping him—developing his character, deepening his wisdom, and strengthening his commitment.

Through years of service and testing, Daniel discovered not only who God is, but **who God was forming him to be**.

Devotion.

Development.

Discovery.

That same process is available to us today.