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## Faith Heroes: Personality or Character (Daniel 6)

*Warmup: Who from your early years stands out as having a winsome and captivating personality? What qualities or traits about their personality did you find most admirable?*

### READ Daniel 6

NOTE: Daniel was a teenager taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar during the first siege of Jerusalem in 605 B.C. He was of royal blood. While in captivity, without the slightest compromise, he faithfully served under the administration of three kings: Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and Darius.

- What was Daniel's job in Babylon? Why was he promoted?
- The king's administrators discovered the only way to tarnish Daniel's reputation was by leveraging religious rules against him. What does this reveal about Daniel?

### REFLECT

- Put yourself in Daniel's shoes. Once you heard the king's 30-day edict to ban prayer, how would you respond?
- After hearing the king's new law why didn't Daniel at least close his window while he prayed?
- What is God communicating to you about the importance of prayer?

### LET'S GET REAL

- When might some difficult aspects of faithfully following Jesus (exemplary character) cause tension with workplace policies, government regulations, or legal requirements?
- What encouragement do Daniel's actions offer when you are having a difficult time choosing character over personality in the face of opposition?
- This story clearly reveals that God is able to deliver us. How does this truth give you confidence to imitate Daniel's character or Christ's character? In what areas of your life do you need to keep repeating this truth?

### RESPOND

- Are you currently more concerned with tweaking your personality or doing the hard work of character development?

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- What if allowing God to refine your character made your personality more appealing?

- How is God refining your character?

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With God's help – LIVE IT OUT!