

# A Strong Life Story- 3

**Ps. 90:9-12**

## **Introduction**

Life is made up of decisions. These decisions of our life tell a story.

- A story about who we are & this is what others read.
- These decisions are made on a daily basis & make up the larger story of our life.

You may say, *"I don't care what people think about me."*

- To an extent this is true. We don't need to be consumed with what others think trying to impress or meet their expectations.
- We should care about what we are displaying to people.

*Another way to stay strong in your faith in an increasing secular society is by making biblical decisions.*

## **I. Decisions that Build a Life Story (Dan. 5:10-16)**

1. Daniel's decisions before college, while in college, & after graduation all built up for this moment.

- The Queen knowing the King's situation immediately thought of someone. She knew what type of man Daniel was. *How?*

- Based upon what she **heard** had happened with her husband's father.

2. *What did the queen know about Daniel?*

- Spirit of the holy gods- Something in him more than human, He possessed the holy Spirit & it showed.
  - He was a believer & lived out his faith.
- Possessed light, understanding, & wisdom. He could see & understand things others could not.
- An excellent Spirit- great temper, humility, wise, and godly reactions.
  - Eccl. 2:26**- This qualified him to receive the gift of light & wisdom.

-This is the character she knew because of what his life story told.

3. Daniel possessed a powerful testimony! *What is a testimony?*

-What your life story tells others based on your decisions.

-It reached to the king & brought him opportunity which allowed God to use him.

-*"I have heard of thee"* (vs.14 &16).

4. *What do you do when you make bad decisions?*

-Daniel was not perfect.

-Fix them & move on. **Phil. 3:13-14**- Paul made some.

## **II. Decisions not to be Bought (Dan. 5:16-17)**

1. The King proposed a lavish offer "If" Daniel showed the interpretation then he would receive something.

-*What was the offer?* Prestigious clothing, fine jewelry, & a huge promotion.

2. *What was Daniel's response to such an offer?*

-I'm not interested in this for what I can get. I can't be bought or bribed. Will only do what God wants me to do.

-(Contrast Haman- Esther 5-7)

3. *What would you do in this situation?*

-Be flattered, prideful, bend, or mold?

## **III. Decisions not to Become Big-Headed (5:29-6:4)**

1. Daniel interprets the writing & is promoted to 2nd in command.

-From captive to graduating with honors to VP.

-*What was the result in Daniel?*

-He kept an excellent spirit.

-No fault could be found.

-He was faithful to job, friends, & people he served.

2. Daniel could have swelled with pride & lusted for power.

-God remained first & he made biblical decisions.

-Daniel stayed the same Daniel no matter his title.

### **Application**

*What is your story telling to others?*

*What kind of decisions are you making and what are they based on?*