

TALK IT OVER

GROWING AND GOING: GROWING THROUGH CRISIS

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Let's be honest, if we had a choice, we would rather avoid them, but the truth is that nothing helps us grow faster than a CRISIS. A crisis is not a problem. Problems may take a bit of effort and thought, but once the solution is found, the problem is solved. On the other hand, a crisis is a prolonged period of time of intense difficulty or danger.

This week we are going to study two crises that Daniel went through, and how he responded to them. The first is found in **Daniel 1:1-8**. Just a young man, Daniel faces a national crisis (*Babylon sieges Judah and Jerusalem*), and he has to leave his home, his land, his school and friends to go to Babylon, practically as a slave. Check out how Daniel faced his first crisis as a teenager: (**v.8** *"deciding not to contaminate himself with anything that would compromise his faith and his God"*).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think we so easily question and complain to God when going through a crisis?
2. What do you think kept Daniel trusting in God in the midst of the unjust crisis he had to go through (**See Daniel 6:23**)?



"...but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn (from Daniel). He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy."

- Daniel 6:4 (NLT)

After God gave Daniel an incredible victory, and promoted him to conduct government affairs, the crises escalated. Greater influence demands greater consecration.

Babylonian officials became jealous of the position Daniel (Hebrew) had obtained in such a short time and decided to conspire against him. CRISIS # 2 (Read **Daniel 6:10-29**). Note that Daniel never complained or questioned God during the whole process. He was simply determined to honor God, and in due time, God used everything that others threw at him, for his good.

In times of crisis, we must learn to be determined not to compromise Kingdom principles. Pray for those who are going through a crisis.

Class # 15

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT STEPS COURSE
MOTHER'S DAY @ JTP
MEN OF INFLUENCE EVENT

May 2 (9am via Zoom or Live)
May 9 (10am & 12pm)
June 23-25 (tentative)