

**Hebrews**  
11:32-34 Part 5

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**Example #1: Daniel**

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Daniel 2

Daniel 2:48-49

Daniel 3

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Did they really pay no attention to the king?

*No, we find that they actually obeyed the king in all matters that did not contradict their faith.*

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The government chose when to worship,  
how to worship, and who to worship.

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Have you ever seen division occur due to  
a difference of religion and politics?

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How do they reply to the king's command?

*They reveal that they have an allegiance to  
God that usurps their allegiance to the  
empire.*

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What is their crime?  
*Disobeying the King's new rule.*

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**Luke 12:4-5**

"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!"

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**Example #1: Daniel**

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Daniel 6

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How can they possibly catch him violating the law, if he doesn't ever violate the law?

*Daniel's enemies know that he is faithful to living according to the laws of the land, but that he is more faithful to His God.*

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"May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you."

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May we be steadfast in our faith even if we are in the minority, hated by powerful people, and even threatened with punishment.

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Series: Hebrews

Sermon: Hebrews 11:32-34 Part 5

1. Read Daniel 3:15-16. The men (S., M., & A.) will be put to death if they do not bow, yet, they say “we have no need to answer you in this matter.” Why were they so cut and dry with their response?

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2. King Darius, a non-believer, acknowledged that Daniel served God continually. A. How do you suppose that Darius knew that Daniel served God continually?

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B. How would non-believers in your life know whether or not you served God continually?

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3. Prayer can be accomplished publicly or privately with eyes open or closed, standing, kneeling, lying, sitting, etc. A. Why do you suppose that Daniel was so unwilling to change his prayer habits to conform to the new law of the land?

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B. Does it appear that God was pleased with Daniel’s decision to violate the law of the land in order to continue to pray as he was accustomed to doing? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Does the Bible ever command people to pray three times per day? \_\_\_\_\_ Designated prayer time was important to Daniel. Do you have a designated prayer time? \_\_\_\_\_ What could be some benefits of establishing a designated prayer time(s) each day?

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5. Author and pastor Sinclair Ferguson encourages people to consider who and what they need to pray about before they begin to pray so that they do not meander. What do think, could his advice help you to have a more focused time of prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was the exact law that Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego disobeyed? \_\_\_\_\_  
What was the exact law that Daniel disobeyed? \_\_\_\_\_  
From what is written of these men’s lives and positions of importance within the Babylonian and Mede governments, do these men appear to be anti-government, anti-law, or anti-king, or something else?

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7. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2. How common should it be for us to pray for our leaders? \_\_\_\_\_  
Spend a moment praying of our leaders, for our discernment in difficult matters, and for courage to obey God, no matter what.