

Cancel Culture

Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.

1. Be so good they can't ignore you.

Darius the Mede...chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests. Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. **Daniel 6:1-3 NLT**

2. Cancel culture is not new.

Then the other administrators...began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything...He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion." So [they] went to the king and said, "Long live King Darius! We are all in agreement...that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced...for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone...except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions...and sign this law so it cannot be changed [and] cannot be revoked." So King Darius signed the law. **Daniel 6:4-9 NLT**

3. While others are strategizing against you, go to God in prayer.

But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room...He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God. Then the officials went together to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking for God's help. **Daniel 6:10-11 NLT**

...they told the king, "That man Daniel, one of the captives from Judah, is ignoring you and your law. He still prays to his God three times a day." Hearing this, the king was deeply troubled, and he tried to think of a way to save Daniel...at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, "May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you." **Daniel 6:13-14,16 NLT**

4. God does His greatest work when you are stuck between a rock and a hard place.

A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed the stone with his own royal seal and the seals of his nobles, so that no one could rescue Daniel. **Daniel 6:17 NLT**

So we [Pharisees] request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the

dead!..." Pilate replied, "Take guards and secure it the best you can." So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it. **Matthew 27:64-65 NLT**

Conclusion:

Your unwavering faith and loyalty + God's deliverance = a massive witness

Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions' den...he called out in anguish, "Daniel, ..Was your God..able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "Long live the king! My God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty." **Daniel 6:19b-22 NLT**

The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him...Then King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation... "I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God, and he will endure forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end. **Daniel 6:23,25-26 NLT**