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### Key Insights ...

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### A Night with the Lions ... Dan 6

- I. The King's \_\_\_\_\_ ... (vs. 1-9)

As Daniel's enemies studied his life, they discovered ...

- a. He was \_\_\_\_\_ in his duties.
- b. He was \_\_\_\_\_ in his character.
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- II. Daniel's \_\_\_\_\_ ... (vs. 10-15)

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- III. The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ ... (vs. 16-24)

- IV. The King's \_\_\_\_\_ ... (vs. 25-28)

### My Takeaway ...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lion's Den comes from \_\_\_\_\_ in the Prayer Closet.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this Story (and your story) is not Daniel (or you) but the One who provides \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

1. When you reflect upon the “heroes” that you know; what was the secret to their heroism? We often think of the first responder who enters a burning building or an active shooter environment as the hero. Was the heroic action a fleeting momentary decision that was correctly made at just the right moment? Or was it something more?
2. If you were to define “courage,” how would you define it? What traits or qualities seem to be consistent with the courageous person?

For Daniel, the secret to his courage seems to be a product of his consistent faith and the character that was developed from his consistency. Think back through the story of Daniel and see if you find traces of this truth. What are they?

3. God desires for us to demonstrate that consistency (we might use the term, integrity) in every facet of our lives. Read the following passages and write down what consistency or integrity looks like in each of the situations.

Colossians 3:22-24

Genesis 39:1-12

In Genesis 31:38-42, Jacob defends his integrity during a conversation with his father-in-law. How do you see Jacob's integrity revealed in this passage?

What do you think motivated Joseph and Jacob to act with integrity?

When do you find it hardest to live with integrity?

4. Faithfulness in the mundane things is preparation for future faithfulness in the great things. Faithfulness means we persevere in doing what we know is right or what we've committed to do regardless of the cost, difficulty, or outcome. What encouragement do you find in the following passages to persevere through difficult times?

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