

“Life in The Lions’ Den”

I. Introduction

- As Christians, we wish life was easy, but it can be a lions’ den

II. Martin Luther

- Life became a lions’ den because he stuck to the truth of God’s Word

III. Daniel

- Life became a lions’ den because he prayed to the Lord, the true King

IV. What did Daniel Do?

- He prayed
- He remembered whom he served
- He thought heavenly thoughts

V. The Lions’ Den of Life

- Persecution might not happen like it did with Luther or Daniel
- However, it will come as we hold to the truth of God’s Word
- It can come in the form of hurt relationships, job complications, or friends not understanding why we won’t “join in”
- So, what do we do?

VI. Pray

- Let God work in your daily habits of prayer and time spent with him
- Bring your cares and concerns to him and let him help through the Word

VII. Remember the One You Serve

- We serve the Lord with our lives, no matter if life is easy or hard
- We can go wherever the Lord sends us and make it through anything before us

VIII. Think Heavenly Thoughts

- Think “happy thoughts” and remember this life isn’t all there is
- Heaven is real and you will be there one day
- Think of how God has served you through baptism and Christ
- God is faithful

IX. Conclusion

- As we follow Christ and his Word, life can feel like a lions’ den.
- But we remember what to do
 - 1) Pray
 - 2) remember whom we serve
 - 3) think heavenly thoughts

For Your Week: Points to Ponder

What part(s) of the story of Martin Luther and Daniel fascinate you the most?

What “persecution” have you faced or are you currently facing because you follow Christ?

Make a list of ways you can make prayer and God’s Word part of your daily habits this week:

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Explain: “Remembering whom I serve will help me make it through any lions’ den I face.”

The next time you find yourself in the lions’ den, what heavenly things can your mind and soul hold on to?