

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – July 23– 28**  
***Doing Life Together – Thriving in Babylon – Devotion and Deliverance.***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 6:1-5

**OBSERVATION:** Darius (Gubaru) recognized Daniel's ability to lead and made him one of the three heads who oversaw the other 120 officials. Daniel did his job so well that Darius wanted to appoint him leader over the entire kingdom. When the other officials got wind of the promotion, they looked for integrity flaws in Daniel in order to bring him down. As it turned out, Daniel did his job with such excellence and integrity, that they couldn't find a point of contention. Would this be said of you? If yes, then continue to do the right things. If you have skeletons in your closet or are currently doing things that lack integrity, then stop immediately. Be a person of integrity, take responsibility and make it right.

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 6:6-9

**OBSERVATION:** Those who were looked over proposed a plan that for 30 days, anyone who prayed to another god besides the king would be thrown into a lion's den. The king thought this was a good idea and signed the edict into law. The officials waited to see if Daniel would take his normal posture of prayer to the God of heaven, and if he did, they would have him. Their plot counted on Daniel staying true to his God. And guess what? Daniel did as they expected. When people think of you, do they think of your faith? Do they know where you stand?

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 6:10-11

**OBSERVATION:** No earthly decrees were going to stop Daniel from worshipping God. He had learned as a teenager that God was King of kings and Lord of lords. His life remained in God's hands, and he trusted God with the results. Daniel did not hide the fact that he was praying. Your situation is no more demanding or challenging than Daniel's. Remember, Daniel was not a priest or pastor, he was a government official who was being used by God.

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 6:12-24

**OBSERVATION:** The king had a profound respect for Daniel and tried to save him, but according to Persian law the decree could not be changed. So, the king prayed for Daniel's God to save him. In the morning, when the King saw that Daniel's God had protected him, he ordered that all of Daniel's accusers and their families be thrown into the Lion's den. Not only did God rescue Daniel, but He exposed his accusers and had them punished. God will right all wrongs, either here on earth or on judgment day.

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 6:25-28

**OBSERVATION:** Do you see how God is working through different kings and nations? It does not matter who the administrators or administrations are, God wants to use you to make an impact on them. God blessed Daniel under Nebuchadnezzar, Darius and Cyrus. May God bless you under the kings you serve.

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Philippians 4:6-7

**OBSERVATION:** Daniel is not engaging in a "crisis prayer meeting", but maintaining what a lifetime has produced in him as a lifestyle. Having consistently and daily acted in faithfulness for so long, he can act in no other way even when the worst has come. How might this convict us of our own personal habits?