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Weekend of July 17–18, 2021

## When (not if) Your Faith is Challenged—Daniel 6:1–28

*Part 6 of a series of sermons in the Book of Daniel titled, “Courageous Hope”*

When you live faithfully for God, eventually, someone will challenge not just the \_\_\_\_\_ of your faith but the very \_\_\_\_\_ of it.

That’s OK! Just stay \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ —  
no matter \_\_\_\_\_ that takes you!

**#1** \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ is more important

than \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 1–5)

(because \_\_\_\_\_ is the best way to  
communicate \_\_\_\_\_ )

1. Some will be \_\_\_\_\_ and seek to \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_
2. Others will be \_\_\_\_\_ and seek to \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_

**#2** \_\_\_\_\_ is more important

than \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 6–18)

(because \_\_\_\_\_ is the best way to negate \_\_\_\_\_ )

1. Initially, you may be \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ultimately, you will be \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_

**#3 The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is more important**

**than the \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_** *(verses 19–28)*

*(because \_\_\_\_\_ to God is the best way to demonstrate  
\_\_\_\_\_ in everything)*

**1. You're able to trust Him with what happens to \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. You're able to trust Him with what happens to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Are you living \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ —no matter \_\_\_\_\_ it takes \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

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### #1 How you live is more important than what you believe *(verses 1–5)*

*(because personal integrity is the best way to communicate biblical theology)*

1. Some will be blessed and seek to lift you up
2. Others will be bothered and seek to pull you down

### #2 Being faithful is more important than fighting back *(verses 6–18)*

*(because consistent character is the best way to negate persistent criticism)*

1. Initially, you may be viewed as a loser to many
2. Ultimately, you will be vindicated as a winner before God

### **#3 The Fear of God is more important than the threat from others (verses 19–28)**

*(because surrendering all to God is the best way to demonstrate trusting God  
in everything)*

- 1. You're able to trust Him with what happens to you**
- 2. You're able to trust Him with what happens to others**

**Are you living faithfully for God—no matter where it takes you?**