



No Greater Joy  
June 16 | Weekly Devotionals

### OPEN WITH PRAYER.

Begin this devotional exercise by finding a quiet place to spend time with God in his word. Before reading, pray that the Holy Spirit will open your eyes and heart to what God wants to say through his word.

**READ Daniel 1-6.** These chapters cover Daniel's life as an exile in Babylon from about 17 years of age until around 80 years of age.

- What from Daniel's life stands out to you – his character, his relationships, his commitments, his responses to situations?
- Is there anyone in your life who reminds you of Daniel?
- Do you see any similarities to Daniel in your own life?

### REFLECT.

- Read chapter 6 again. This is the only passage that explicitly mentions Daniel praying, but it's probably safe to say he had a robust prayer life.
- Reflect on the times God has heard your prayers and either answered them or steered you in such a way that he cared for you through a tough situation. Make a list and take time to thank God for those instances.
- Are there people in your life who have a front row seat to your walk with God? Maybe they don't know God at all or maybe they are new in their faith – a spouse, a child, a neighbor, a parent, a friend. Pray for them. Pray that their faith

would grow just as King Darius' faith grew as he witnessed God show up in Daniel's life.

**Read Daniel 1:20-23, 4:3, 4:34-35, 6:26-27 out loud.**

End your time by reading these snippets from Daniel as prayers. Reflect on the truths they proclaim and let them really soak into your soul.

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his." 2:20

"His kingdom is an eternal kingdom" 4:3

"He rescues and saves" 6:27