

Knowing vs Hoping

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Pushed yet Passionate

Dan 6:16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" **17** And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. **18** Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. **19** Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. **20** As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" **21** Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! **22** My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

To be able to be strong enough not to be pushed, but rather to be fired up by passion, we need to understand who we are. Daniel was the one that did not allow anything or anyone push him into anything He did not decide on. He settled himself, to do the supernatural. He knew, he did not hope, that God would answer him. He knew the result of his prayer, and he was not willing for one second to trade that for even the king's approval. Knowing is the most important thing you can do as Christian. Actions flow from Knowing. Hope, love, kindness and power flow from Knowledge. Hope, is worthless by itself. If you know that your hopes is real. You have FAITH.

1. What to you know?

1.1. Daniel knew.....

- God will deliver him of anything that would fight him
- even when he broke all the physical rules, because he knew the supernatural will surpass.

1.2. Abraham knew

- even if He killed the only way to receive his promise God will still do it.
- No matter what His age, whether he had good or bad ground or weather, God would be the one to save Him.

1.3. Peter knew

- even the thing that feared him more than anything could not kill him if he could be with his Savior.
- That hope will not help, but he knew.

1.4. Others knew

- John
- Moses
- David
- YOU

2. How did they get God to respond to them?

2.1. It takes a relationship, not a rhyme!

- Everyone previously mentioned had one thing in common. They had a relationship with God.
- They studied his behavior, His way of doing things
- They could trust Him because they knew Him.

2.2. They refused to believe what anyone else threw at them.

- They believed God!

Things to think and do

- What part of the relationship do you already know enough of to rely on?
- Can you trust Him enough to let go?