

Sermon Title: Kingdoms & Kings: Protect Ya Neck

Scripture: Daniel 6:1-18

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- 1. What is your routine (daily, weekly, monthly)? Are there regular rhythms and practices that fill your life? What are they?
- 2. Chapter 6 of Daniel describes a time of transition and reorganization in Babylon. What are the stresses and fears that take place during a reorganization of any type?
- 3. As transition begins in our country following the general election, the same can be said of the United States, the state of California, and the city of Costa Mesa. How would you describe our period of transition in comparison to Babylon?
- 4. The high officials and satraps wanted to find a way to entrap Daniel. They said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God" (Daniel 6:5). How does this speak to Daniel's character and work ethic in Babylon?
- 5. Describe a time when you (or someone you know) have experienced difficulties at work that related directly to their character or convictions.
- 6. Daniel "gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously" (Daniel 6:10) following the king's injunction. Why is it important that Daniel had done this previously, rather than beginning then? What does this say of the quiet rebellion which Daniel led?
- 7. As you consider the Christian response to government policies, how does Daniel reveal how we should respond? Is there anything that Daniel's response is lacking? From a biblical perspective, why or why not?
- 8. While not explicitly mentioned why, there is a special relationship between Darius and Daniel (Daniel 6:14-18). Why do you think this is? How does this speak to the role of Christians within our society?
- 9. Daniel had some experiences to look back on and remain convinced of God's faithfulness. What experiences do you look back on to remember God's faithfulness?
- 10. As our country is in a time of transition, let's take time to pray. Let's be sure to pray for the Church and Christian witness.