

## Heroes of the Bible - Daniel

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Did anything stand out to you as you read your passage?

What character qualities do you notice about Daniel?

What exemplary actions or activities did he engage in?

How did God respond to his actions or activities?

What similar situations do we face today? (at least 3)

How could we follow Daniel's example today in those situations?

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