

## **GRACIOUS RESISTANCE Pt 4**

### **“Resisting Apathy”**

#### **WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE WHEN THINGS DON'T GO LIKE YOU WANT?**

Daniel doesn't get sucked into the pursuit of power and pleasure, He simply resolves to remain faithful to the way of life He believes He's been created for... and he lives in gracious resistance to the malformation forces acting on his life every day.

My Mantra: to have Long Obedience in the Same Direction

#### **Daniel 6:6-7 NIV**

6 So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! 7 The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den.

#### **Daniel 6:10 NIV**

10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, ***just as he had done before.***

#### **FUTILITY**

- Futility is expressed by Indifference.
- Futility is expressed by Indulgence.
  - We learn that we have cared for nothing.
  - We resolve to care for ourselves.

#### **LONG OBEDIENCE**

His life is marked by practices of personal devotion.  
Resisting things that defile and posturing himself to remain with and draw life from his God.

#### **PART TWO (of my message)**

#### **THE DREAM AND THE SON OF MAN**

#### **FOUR BEASTS**

Lion— Bear— Leopard— —> Mega Super Beast

### **DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14 NIV**

9 “As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated, and the books were opened.

13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

### **DANIEL 7:21-22 NIV**

21 As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them,

22 until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

### **DANIEL 7:26-27 NIV**

26 “ ‘But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever.

27 Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.’

### **MATTHEW 26:63-65 NIV**

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

64 “You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy!

### **PERSONAL DEVOTION**

Personal Devotion is your willingness to give you allegiance to Jesus in every matter pertaining to what it means to be a human being in this world