

6. Daniel 6 tells of Daniel being thrown in the lions' den for praying after prayer was outlawed. Daniel disregarded the decree. Read verse 5 and discuss what this says about Daniel's character.

Taking It Home

This week we learned the importance of reliability. It takes time to establish it, but once established, it can prepare us for what God desires for us, as it did with David, and it can position us for promotion, as it did with Daniel. If we respect people, take responsibility, speak relevantly and act reliably, over time our relationships can be recharged. Do the people in your life consider you reliable? Are you someone people can count on? If you're not sure of the answer, memorize 1 Corinthians 15:58, which says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." Pray that God makes you that steadfast, immovable person that people can lean on in times of trouble.



Energizer

Week of 2/1/15

Quick Review:

What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye opening or troubling?

My Story:

1. Can you remember a time when you were counting on someone and they let you down? What did it make you feel?

Digging deeper:

This week in the Recharge series we looked at reliability and the role it plays in healthy relationships. Pastor Bob taught it from the perspective of consistently applying the previous three values we went over in the series—respect, responsibility and relevance. When we consistently respect people by attributing value to them, when we take responsibility for ourselves and our actions, and when we seek to understand before we are understood, then we have established essential elements for healthy relationships. Pastor Bob gave us three Biblical examples of men whose consistency helped them to achieve greatness. Joseph's life shows us that consistency takes time to have its effect. David's life shows us that consistency prepares us. And Daniel's life shows us that consistency promotes us. When others see how you consistently act, that shows them what they can believe to be true about you, because you have borne it out over time.

1. In Genesis 37 we are told the story of Joseph's relationship with his brothers, who find him so unbearable that they sell him as a slave. By Genesis 41 Pharaoh finds him so impressive that he lets Joseph run the whole kingdom. Discuss events in Joseph's life that led to such a dramatic change from being so unbearable to being so impressive.
2. Joseph instituted a plan to consistently store up grain during the seven years of abundance. When did the Egyptians realize the benefit of this plan?
3. Read 1 Samuel 17:32-37. How did David's experiences as a shepherd prepare him for battle?
4. Read 1 Samuel 24:1-7. Discuss what character traits were developed in David by having to live in hiding, especially since he knew he was to be king. Why do you think David didn't kill Saul?
5. Daniel 1 talks of Daniel, after being taken into exile, refusing to compromise his faith by eating the king's food. Read Daniel 1:18-20. What was the result of Daniel's action?