A Pilgrim's Courage

Scripture: Daniel 6

Series: The Pilgrim Life: Living as God's People in a Pagan Land

Sunday, May 8, 2016

REDEEMER

Overview

Regardless of life circumstances, we all deal with troubles that can make us fearful and bring real danger. Yet the pilgrim has courage in the face of trouble for his God is present and in control. Our hope isn't that God will rescue us from all pain, but that he'll be with us in our troubles as he was with Daniel in the lions' den.

Corraborating Texts

Matthew 10:28-30, Romans 8:31-39

Discussion Questions

- 1. Everyone has trouble in their life that can lead us to be afraid and even erode our faith. What are some pressing troubles that you're dealing with? How have they affected your faith and/or trust in God?
- 2. Joe mentioned that Daniel's faith was "personal but not private." What's the difference between those two? How are you doing at living in accordance with that truth?
- 3. Why is it so important to see that the point of the story isn't that we'll be rescued from harm, but that God will be with us as he was with Daniel in den? What dangers come with believing the former?
- 4. How does God's presence and sovereignty help bring us courage? Prayer is a crucial means of grace that helps us grab hold of God's promises—have you experienced that in your life?
- 5. We can't have confidence in the world if we don't have confidence before God. Where do we find that confidence? What's the connection between Christ's substitutionary death and the promises found in Romans 8:31-39?