

WEEK 5 FOUR FACES

Last Sunday, Pastor Elijah dela Cruz preached a message called "FOUR FACES" based on the events surrounding Daniel's exceptional qualities. These qualities exemplify the message of the Gospel of Jesus. Culture shifts are inevitable, but the Word of God remains unchanging, and the qualities the Word of God develop in every believer distinguish us from everyone else. When the culture shifts and laws change, we will remain faithful to the Word of God.

Welcome:

Name a Christian who was martyred for their faith.

Worship: Sing, BUILD MY LIFE

Word:

READ DANIEL 6.

Let's discuss the main points based on the Bible passage:

- 1. There will come a time when faithfulness to God will become unpopular (vv. 1-5).
- 2. There will be always haters of the Truth (vv.5-16).
- 3. There will always be people who will stand on the Truth no matter what (v.10).
- 4. There will always be deliverance from God (vv.17-24)
- 5. There will always be victory in God (vv.25-28).

Daniel was distinguished from the rest of the satraps for his "exceptional qualities" that embody gospel living. These qualities can change the culture we live in.

FOUR FACES OF THE GOSPEL THAT DANIEL EXHIBITED—HIS EXCEPTIONAL QUALITIES

- 1. Servanthood. (Mark 10:45, 1 Corinthians 9:19)
- 2. Love. (John 13:34-35)
- 3. Good Deeds. (Matthew 5:13-16)
- 4. Boldness. (Proverbs 28:1)

Apply the Word.

1. This message was full of great wisdom! What was your biggest take-away and why?

2. Christians have typically had two extreme responses to culture. We either come against culture and become argumentative, or become like culture, sacrificing truth to avoid offense. Aside from the exceptional qualities of Daniel, we must look to Jesus who embodied the fullness of grace and truth. Share how you have leant to one side or the other. How can you become more like Jesus, balancing truth, and grace?

3. Living out the gospel is what makes us bold to speak the Gospel and invite others to trust in Jesus amid a culture shift. Discuss why you think it is important to serve others and be an example before we share our testimony?

Work:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything to you that you need to address in your life.
- Pray for one another.