

*Momentum for Life 4*  
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*Daniel 2:17-19, 6:21,22*  
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Intro:

We are in the third daily discipline for lifelong momentum. DRIVE is the acronym for the daily activities that we need to practice to maintain momentum for life. D stands for devotion. Take time to meet with God. R is for readiness, reading for lifelong learning through which I am expanding myself, making myself useful to God and relevant to others . The letter I stands for investing in key relationships. You and I are created for relationships. We experience life through relationships.

But we also know that not all relationships are what they cracked up to be.

A man walks into the street and hails a passing taxi.

Perfect timing he tells the driver, "you're just like Frank."

Who ? Asks the cabbie.

Frank Fielding. He did everything right. Great tennis player. Wonderful golfer, sang like Pavorati."

Sounds like quite a guy.

Not only that, he remembered everyone's birthday, was a wine connoisseur, and could fix anything.

And his wardrobe? Immaculate. He was the perfect man. No one could ever measure up to Frank.

Amazing. How did you meet him?

Oh I never met Frank.

How do you know so much about him?

I married his widow.

We all have experienced relationship where we could walk on water and it would still not be good enough. Because not all relationship are equal in value it is imperative that we Invest in Key

Relationships. Today; we will look at the relationships that Daniel invested himself in.

*Invest in Supportive Relationships Daniel 2:17-19*

**Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. <sup>18</sup> He urged them to plead for mercy from**

**the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. <sup>19</sup> During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Daniel 2:17-19**

Life or death based on your ability to know the unknowable. These verse show us the crossroads that Daniel was at. Imagine going to see the powerful, temperamental king who had just angrily ordered your death! Daniel did not shrink back in fear, however, but confidently believed God would tell him all the king wanted to know. When the king gave Daniel time to find the answer. Daniel found his three supportive friends and they prayed. When you find yourself in a tight spot, do you have friends who will support you?

Daniel's friends were supportive because they believed in God's Power. They lived the truth that Prayer is more effective than panice. Panic is helpful for one thing-so we would face the reality of how hopeless or hopeful the situation is. Prayer is acknowledgement that the answer can only come from God. Remember Panic confirms that you are hopeless. Prayer confirms your hope in God's power. Daniel's trust in God's power saved not only himself, but also his three friends and all the other wise men in Babylon.

Not all of us have supportive Friends some of us have relationships like: Eric. Eric's girlfriend broke up with him telling him that he was always correcting her. She came over to his house and told him, "Eddie we need to talk." He said, "My name is Eric." She said, "see I can't say anything right around you. I will let you decide who was supportive and who was not. So How do we discern who is supportive? And who is destructive? Ask yourself do they bring. . .

Peace-Order or Chaos?

Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. I Corinthians 14:39,40 These verses

speak to a worship service in Corinth were to be supportive of man and God by being done in a fitting and orderly way. The current atmosphere in the church was a chaotic worship service. It just reveals that God and His wisdom bring peace or order, Toxic relationships bring chaos. If you have a friendship or a family member all they bring to the table is chaos-you need to de-invest out of their life.

### Prayer Or Panic?

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6 Can you imagine never panicking or worrying again? It seems like an impossibility, we all have a boatload of worries. Paul tell us here to turn our panic into prayers. It is also a clue that we need to invest who take their panic and make them into prayers. Daniels friends when they heard the news I am certain panicked but instead of all sorts of outrageous behavior it caused them to get down on their knees in prayer. Invest in relationships where the people pray more than they panic or worry. Friends that pray are supportive.

### God's Power Or Man's Weakness

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13 God's Peace is different than the world's peace. True Peace is not found in the absence of conflict, or in good feelings. It comes from knowing God is Powerful and in control. Our citizenship in Christ's kingdom is sure, Our destiny is set, and we have victory over sin. So let God's peace guard your heart against Anxiety

Have you met some friends that their every answer to all your problems, if for you to grit your teeth and try harder. That is false hope in Man's weakness. Friends like that are a drag and are no help in real crisis.

A real crisis is a whole bigger than you can dig out of yourself. When Daniel came

knocking on his friends door; explaining that he had a limited time to know precisely the kings dream and interpretation. They did not try and scheme how they and Danion could scheme and find their answers. Instead they Got on their knee trusting in God's power more than man's weakness. There are truly supportive friencs.

***Invest in Significant Relationships Daniel 6:21-22***

Try to Please the Unpleasable?

Try to Discern Where God is at Work?

Try to sense Where God is Calling you