**WE ARE GOD’S LIVING SOCIAL MEDIA**

Facebook, Tik Tok, X, Instagram - these are just a few of the social media platforms available for people to connect with the world. They let us connect with family and friends, reconnect with old friends, and even make new friends. The possibilities are endless - and so are the impressions we leave behind.

We scroll through pictures, read captions, analyze the tone, and from these small glimpses, we form an opinion of who that person is. For some, social media is the only insight they have into other people’s lives. Without even meeting us, people can form opinions of who we are by what we post.

As Christians, our lives are like a living social media page for God. Whether we realize it or not, others are watching our words and actions and forming an opinion of how the Bible teaches us to live. For some, we may be the only exposure they have to the Scripture.

One of the most faithful “social media pages” for God in the Old Testament was Daniel. Taken captive at only 17 years old, Daniel found himself in the city of Babylon; a wicked city that worshiped Pagan gods and practiced widespread immorality. Yet, instead of praying for escape, Daniel made himself useful to the king and became well known among the Babylonians. Daniel knew that to make a difference in this sinful city he had to live his faith in front of the people.

There were many pressures put on Daniel to conform, but he stayed steadfast in his beliefs and faithfulness to God. A decree went out banning anyone from praying to another god or human other than the king, but Daniel defied the decree. He continued to pray to God and openly live a Christian life. Daniel’s refusal to comply with the new decree enraged may of the local rulers, making him the target of their anger.

As punishment, he was thrown into the lions’ den to die. But God shut the mouths of the lions and kept Daniel safe. When King Darius saw that Daniel survived, he issued a new decree, that everyone in his kingdom should “….*fear and respect the God of Daniel*.” (Daniel 6:26)

Daniel’s unwavering faith became God’s social media page to King Darius and the entire kingdom. His life spoke louder than any post ever could.

So, the questions we should ask ourselves are: What is our “spiritual profile” showing the world? Is our social media presence (lives) inspiring others to walk our Christian journey with us?

Like Daniel, we should live our beliefs in front of the world, not behind closed doors or anonymous posts. We want everyone to follow “*the God of Daniel*” with us.

**Prayer:**

Dear God,

Thank you for the opportunity to be a living witness of Your word. I know that actions speak louder than words, so please let my actions show that I am a Christian. Let my words be kind and loving in every situation. Please don’t let the outside world influence me, but rather, let me influence the outside world.

Amen

**Scripture**: *“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”* (1 John 3:18)

**Bible Study**: Daniel 6:1-28

**Quote**: “If your actions don’t live up to your words, you have nothing to say.” - Dr. DaShanne Stokes

**Song**: “They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love” - Carolyn Arends