Title: “Lion Heart”
Text: Daniel 6:1-28

Target: For centuries persecuted Christians have taken comfort in the courage of Daniel. Today, we approach a familiar story of bravery and boldness that was forged when no one was watching thus preparing to stand strong when everyone was watching.

I. The Promotion of Daniel: (6:1-4)
   a. Exceeded in Education-Daniel 1:17: “God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom” (Better than the magicians/enchanters)
   b. Excelled in Interpretation- Daniel 5:15, 4:33, 2:47, 1:17: “Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams”
   c. Excellent in Reputation: Daniel 6:4: “find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him”

II. The Plot against Daniel: (6:5-9)
   a. Deceptive Scheme: “unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.” (Vs. 5)
   b. Deity Subdued: “whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you” (Vs.7)
   c. Decree Signed: “Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction” (Vs. 9)
   d. Death was Sworn: “shall be cast into the den of lions” (Vs. 7)

III. The Prayer of Daniel: (6:10-13)
   a. The Place: “he went to his house…windows…open toward Jerusalem (Vs. 10)
   b. The Posture: “He got down on his knees” (Vs. 10)
   c. The Persistence: “three times a day”… he had done previously” (Vs. 10)
   d. The Praise: “gave thanks before his God” (Vs. 10)
   e. The Plea: “making petition and plea before his God” (Vs. 11)

IV. The Protection over Daniel: (Vs. 14-17)
   a. Legal Investigation: “was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him”(Vs. 14)
   b. Evil Intentions: “no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed” (Vs. 15)
   c. Anxious Intercession: “spent the night fasting...sleep fled from him” (Vs. 18)
d. **Divine Intervention:** “So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God”  
(Vs. 23)

V. **The Preservation of Daniel: (Vs. 26-28)**

a. **Captives Released (70 years):** “I stood up to confirm and strengthen him”  
Daniel 11:1

b. **Wise Men from the East: (Numbers 24:17, Matthew 2:9)**

**Take Away:** An Open Window lead to an Open Tomb and now an open Tomb leads to an Open Window!