《天路导向(粤)》 双语讲义

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- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好。
- Thank you very much for tuning in to this broadcast.
 谢谢你收听今天的节目。
- 3. We are in the middle of a series of messages we are calling "Standing Firm in a World of Shifting Sands,"
 - "在流沙的世界里要站立得稳",我们现在 正在这个系列信息的中间部分。
- 4. and I want to begin this message by making a personal confession. 首先,我要做一个个人的告白。
- 5. I find that there is no more discouraging and frustrating thing for me than unfinished tasks. 我发现,没有什么比未完成的工作,更让我沮丧和泄气的了。
- 6. I can't stand an unfinished anything. 我不能忍受任何没有完成的东西。
- I will do whatever it takes to finish whatever I started.
 我会尽一切可能,去完成我已经开始的事情。
- 8. For me, there is nothing more tragic than the unfinished painting or unfinished symphony, 对我而言,最悲惨的莫过于未完成的绘画和交响乐了,
- 9. or half-built house, 或者建了一半的房子,
- 10. or incomplete manuscript. 或者没写完的书稿。
- 11. These are all reminders to me that we all have the inclination to stop working on projects before we have completed them; 这些都会提醒我,我们所有人都有一个倾向,总是在事情没有完成之前就想停下来;
- 12. and that is why finishing well is one of my top priorities in life.
 因此,如何贯彻始终成了我人生中最关注的事情之一。

- 13. I have seen people start a venture with a great deal of enthusiasm, but, soon, they lose interest. 我常常看到,人们充满激情地开始了一段人生的探险,但很快他们就失去了兴趣。
- 14. I have seen new Christians begin their Christian life with zeal and passion, then soon, they lose heart.

 我堂堂看到,新基督徒在基督徒生活的初期
 - 我常常看到,新基督徒在基督徒生活的初期 充满了热心和激情,但很快他们的心就冷淡 了下去。
- 15. I have seen members join a church with excitement and commitment, then soon, their commitment gives way to apathy. 我常常看到,人们成为教会会友的时候充满了兴奋和决心,但很快他们的委身就冷淡了下去。
- 16. I have seen people make all sorts of promises, but soon, they forget them; 我常常看到,人们许各式各样的愿,但很快他们就忘得一乾二净;
- 17. and we saw together that Daniel and his friends began their testimony and their stand for God as teenagers. 我们看到,但以理和他的朋友们还是青少年的时候,就已开始为神做见证,为神持守真道了。
- 18. Daniel and his three friends took their stand when they were young boys; 但以理和他的三个朋友在青少年时,就已坚守自己的岗位了;
- 19. and we all stand in awe of their commitment and faithful devotion to God; 而我们所有人都十分敬佩,他们向神的忠心和委身;
- 20. but it is one thing to be enthusiastic and fearless when you are a young Christian, 但是,当你还是一个年轻基督徒的时候,充满热情并无所畏惧是一回事,
- 21. and it's another matter altogether to be enthusiastic and fearless as an older Christian. 而当你年老的时候,还能够充满热情并无所畏惧,就是另一回事了。

- 22. It is one thing to be committed to Christ when you are struggling in life, 当你处于生命挣扎的时候,对基督忠心是一回事,
- 23. and it is another thing altogether for Jesus to be your All-in-All when you are not in need of anything.

 而当你没有任何需求的时候,还能够把耶稣当作你的全部,又是另一回事了。
- 24. Daniel, Chapter 6, is, without a doubt, the most well-known Chapter in the whole Bible. 毫无疑问,但以理书第 6 章,是整本圣经中最著名的一章经文。
- 25. Daniel in the den of lions has been the subject of books and paintings and inspirational stories; 但以理被投狮子坑的情景已成为许多书籍、绘画和鼓舞人心的故事的主题;
- 26. but what most people miss out on this Chapter is the fact that Daniel finished well. 但很多人在这一章中漏掉了一个事实,那就是但以理做到了贯彻始终。
- 27. At the age of 14, he told the King of Babylon that he would not eat the food that he had been offered to idols; 在 14 岁的时候,他告诉巴比伦王,他绝不会去吃献给偶像的祭物;
- 28. and 65 years later, at the age of 79, he tells the King of Persia that he will not worship any other God but the true God. 在 65 年后,他 79 岁的时候,告诉波斯王,除了真神以外,他绝不会去敬拜别神。
- 29. If you look at Daniel, Chapter 6, you will find three things that are required to finish well. 查考但以理书第 6 章,你会发现,必须做到以下三点才能贯彻始终。
- 30. The first is being alert to the persistent temptation, and you find that in verses 1 to 9. 首先,要对不断的诱惑保持警惕,你可以在1到9节中看到这一点;
- 31. The second is being anchored to the past testimony, and we find that in verses 10 to 17; 第二,要持守以往的见证,我们可以在 10 到 17 节中看到这一点;
- 32. and the third is being assured of the promised triumph, verses 18 to 28. 第三,要坚信神所应许的胜利,在 18 到 28 节中看到这一点。

- 33. To finish well, you must always be on your guard against temptation. 要贯彻始终,你必须常常对诱惑保持警惕。
- 34. In Daniel's case, he could have said, "I have survived King Nebuchadnezzar.
 对但以理而言,他可以说: "我通过了尼布甲尼撒王这一关,
- 35. I have survived King Belshazzar, 我也通过了伯沙撒王这一关,
- 36. I have survived more than 60 years of pressure and temptation.我通过了六十多年压力和诱惑的考验,
- 37. I can surely now survive King Darius." 我肯定也能通过大利乌王这一关。"
- 38. Daniel rightfully and naturally could have said to himself, "I have withstood temptation since the age of fourteen..." 但以理完全有资格、而且可以自然地对自己说: "我从 14 岁开始,就抵御诱惑······"
- 39. but Daniel knew that the tempter is always working at any age; 然而,但以理知道在每个年龄阶段都有诱惑;
- 40. so, at this point in time, Daniel's colleagues and staff became an instrument of Satan's scheme. 在此时,但以理的同僚和下属成了执行撒但阴谋的工具。
- 41. They came to the King with words of flattery, and the King fell for it, and the trap was set. 他们来到王面前谄媚,王中计了,陷阱设好了。
- 42. Had the King been wise, he would have discerned this plot immediately; 如果王有智慧,他就会立刻识破这个阴谋;
- 43. but flattery has a marvelous effect on people. 但是阿谀奉承的话语对人们有着极大的影响力。
- 44. Flattery boosts a person's pride. 奉承话可以让一个人的骄傲膨胀。
- 45. These plotting politicians said, "King, make a law that can never be broken." 这些阴险的政客们说: "王啊,请立一条不可更改的禁令。"
- 46. What was that new law that they wanted the King to enact? 他们想要王颁布的新禁令是什么呢?

- 47. It was that, for thirty days, no one could worship any other god except the King; 那就是,在 30 天内,任何人都不能敬拜除 王以外的任何神:
- 48. and, once that royal law was signed, it could never be changed.一旦签署了这个效忠国王的法律,它就不可更改。
- 49. This temptation had placed Daniel in a predicament.这个试探将但以理置于困境。
- 50. Should he miss worship for thirty days? 他应该中断敬拜三十天吗?
- 51. Should he miss his daily worship just for thirty days?
 他是否该中断自己每日的敬拜?只需要停止三十天而已。
- 52. Should he stop being in fellowship with God just for thirty days?
 他应该中断自己与神的交通吗?只不过是三十天罢了。
- 53. Oh, what a temptation! 这是何等大的试探!
- 54. You see, the devil seldom tempts the faithful to permanently cease to be faithful at once; 你明白吗? 魔鬼很少引诱忠心的信徒,立刻就不再对神忠心;
- 55. but the devil will tempt us to be unfaithful just for a few hours, or few days, or few weeks. 魔鬼会引诱我们只是在几小时,几天或几周的时间里对神不忠心。
- 56. Why? 为什么呢?
- 57. Because he knows that the first step toward unfaithfulness to God is the easiest for us; 因为它知道,对我们而言,很轻易就会迈出对神不忠心的第一步;
- 58. but, to finish well, you need to be alert to the persistent temptation, no matter how old you are.
 但要贯彻始终,你就必须对不断的诱惑保持警惕,不管年岁有多大。
- 59. Secondly, to finish well, you need to be anchored in the past testimony. 第二,要贯彻始终,你必须持守以往的见证,

- 60. You'll find that in verses 10 to 17 of Daniel, Chapter 6. 你可以在但以理书,第 6 章 10 到 17 节中看到这一点。
- 61. Now, what do I mean by that? 我的意思是什么呢?
- 62. If I were in Daniel's place, most likely, I would have panicked.
 如果我处在但以理的位置,很有可能,我已惊慌失措了。
- 63. I would have gone to the King and said, "These guys tricked you in order to sabotage me. 我可能已跑去对王说: "这些家伙欺骗你, 妄图暗中陷害我。
- 64. Oh, King, you know how faithful I am! 王啊,你知道我多么忠心!
- 65. Oh, King, you know how I have stayed out of trouble..." 王啊,你知道我多么努力地避免麻烦······"
- 66. and I think that's what most of us would have done; 我想大多数人都会这样做;
- 67. but not Daniel. 可但以理没有。
- 68. He went home and he continued his usual schedule, as if nothing had happened. 他回到自己家里,继续按他的日常安排做,好像什么也没有发生一样。
- 69. He was unshakable. 他是不可动摇的。
- 70. Do you know why? 你知道为什么吗?
- 71. Because he was anchored in his past testimony. 那是因为他持守以往的见证。
- 72. He was affirmed by God's past interventions in his life. 神在他生命中以往的作为,令他折服。
- 73. He was trusting in his past experience with God. 他因自己过去与神相处的经历而信靠神。
- 74. My listening friend, do you know what the problem with all of us is, especially when we face a trial in life? 亲爱的朋友,你知道,特别是在生活中面临考验的时候,我们的问题是什么吗?
- 75. We forget God's past interventions in our lives; 我们忘记了以往神在我们生命中的作为;

- 76. so, instead of saying, "Back yonder, God did this and did that, and He will do it again," 因此,我们不会说: "回想过去,神做了这个,做了那个,祂如今还会再做,"
- 77. we panic and we say, "Oh, yes, He did it back then, but I doubt that He will do it again." 而是惊慌失措地说: "是的,祂以前做过,但我怀疑祂还会再这么做。"
- 78. Daniel's strength was that he had learned to trust in God's past interventions as evidence that God will do it again.
 但以理的力量来源于,他学会了信靠神以往的作为,把它当作神还会再做的凭据。
- 79. Daniel's strength was that he had developed confidence in his God's power; 但以理的力量来源于,他已对神的大能充满了信心;
- 80. and nothing could shake his faith. 没有什么能够动摇他的信仰。
- 81. Daniel's strength was that, for over 65 years, he was able to say "No" to sin; 但以理的力量来源于,他能够在 65 年多的时间里拒绝罪;
- 82. and every time he said "No" to sin, the power of God grew deeper inside of him. 每一次他拒绝罪的时候,神的能力就在他内心深处增长。
- 83. My listening friend, please listen carefully to what I'm going to tell you. 亲爱的朋友,请留心听我下面所讲的。
- 84. The more faithful you are to God, the more of God's power you will receive; 你对神越忠心,就能从神那里得到更大的能力:
- 85. but every time you give in to sin and disobedience, you weaken your spiritual resistance.
 但每一次你向罪投降,不顺服神,你就会减弱属灵的抵抗力。
- 86. My listening friend, I want to tell you something of uttermost importance. 亲爱的朋友,我要告诉你极为重要的一点。
- 87. The real den of lions was in Daniel's prayer closet, 真正的狮子坑,其实是在但以理的祷告内室中,

- 88. for it was in his prayer closet that Daniel had learnt that he would rather lose his life than lose his testimony; 因为正是在祷告内室中,但以理明白了,他宁愿丢掉生命也不想失去见证;
- 89. and, if you had said to Daniel, "Daniel, it's only for thirty days."
 如果你对但以理说: "但以理,只不过三十天而已。"
- 90. He would have said to you, "Not even for thirty seconds will I abandon my faith." 他会告诉你: "连 30 秒我都不会放弃自己的信仰。"
- 91. You may have said, "Daniel, now you are rich. Now, you are at the height of your career. Why risk everything just for thirty days of compromise?"
 你也许会说: "但以理,你现在富裕了,又处在事业的高峰,为何不妥协三十天而要冒险失去所有的呢?"
- 92. But not Daniel. 可是但以理没有妥协。
- 93. Every faithful believer understands this fact: 每一个忠心的信徒都明白这个事实;
- 94. that your prayer closet is your war room. 你的祷告内室就是你争战的地方。
- 95. You win or lose in your war room before you get into the battlefield; 你进入战场之前,输赢在这里就已经定了;
- 96. and, when Daniel prayed, he prayed toward Jerusalem. 但以理祷告的时候,他向着耶路撒冷祷告。
- 97. Why is that? 为什么要这样呢?
- 98. That was the city of promise. 因为那是应许之城。
- 99. God told Jeremiah that His people will go into exile for 70 years, then they will return; 神告诉杰里迈亚,祂的百姓将被掳七十年,然后他们要回来;
- 100. and Daniel knew that the time for God's fulfillment of His promise was drawing near; 但以理知道,神实现祂应许的时间临近了;
- 101. so, by facing Jerusalem, Daniel was kneeling on the promises of God; 因此,但以理面向耶路撒冷,他是跪在神的应许上祷告的;

- 102. and, so, finishing well means that you are, first, alert to the temptation. 贯彻始终,意味着,首先你要对诱惑保持警惕。
- 103. Secondly, anchored in your testimony. 第二,要持守以往的见证。
- 104. Thirdly, assured of the triumphant promise. 第三,要坚信神所应许的胜利。
- 105. Let us look at verses 18 to 28 of Daniel, Chapter 6. 让我们一起来看但以理书第 6 章 18 到 28 节。
- 106. I don't want you to miss verse 18, because it's really hilarious. 请留意第 18 节,因为这是非常有趣的一节经文。
- 107. Who is the one who spent a restless and sleepless night?
 是谁烦躁不安,整夜失眠呢?
- 108. It was not Daniel. 不是但以理。
- 109. It was the King who was the sleepless one. 王才是那个睡不着觉的人。
- 110. As soon as Daniel was lowered into the den of lions, these lions went into special formation. 但以理被放到狮子坑的时候,这些狮子组成了一个特殊的形状。
- 111. These lions made a beautiful, soft mattress for Daniel to sleep on; 这些狮子组成了一张美丽而柔软的床垫,来供但以理安睡:
- 112. and Daniel went to sleep like a baby on the straw among the lions.
 但以理就像睡在草垫上的婴孩一样,安睡在狮子中间。
- 113. Meanwhile, the King in his fancy bed was tossing and turning.
 与此同时,王却在自己华丽的床上辗转难眠。
- 114. God promised victory and triumph to His faithful servants and God isn't going to go back on His promises; 神已向祂忠心的仆人承诺过胜利,祂就不会收响应许;
- 115. but notice I said, "...His faithful servants?" 请注意我的用词: "祂忠心的仆人们?"

为什么? 117. Why didn't He just promise victory to everyone?

116. Why?

- 为什么神不是对所有人都应许要得胜呢? 118. Oh, because, often, we want triumph and victory without being faithful.
 - victory without being faithful. 因为我们常常想,不必对神忠心,就可得 胜。
- 119. We often want blessings without meeting the conditions of the blessing; 我们常常希望不必达到赐福的条件,就可以蒙福;
- 120. and we see how, once again, God delivers His faithful servant, not out of trouble, but in the midst of trouble. 我们再一次看到,神不是将祂忠心的仆人带出困境,而是放到困境之中。
- 121. Let me tell you this, my listening friend, 亲爱的朋友,我想告诉你:
- 122. I would rather be a child of faith in a den of lions than a king in the grandest palace without faith; 我宁愿是狮子坑里那个有信心的孩子,而不愿作王宫中那个没信心的国王:
- 123. so the King could not wait till morning light to run down the road to where the lion's den was; 所以,王等不到天亮,就急忙奔向狮子坑旁;
- 124. and, there, he broke the seal and opened the door of the den, thinking that his friend, Daniel, would be dead; 他一边撕开封条,打开门,一边心想,他的朋友但以理,应该已经死了;
- 125. but he discovered that the den was not Daniel's tomb. It was Daniel's tabernacle. 但他发现狮子坑不是但以理的坟墓,它只不过是但以理的帐篷。
- 126. The power of God that would later raise Jesus Christ from the dead was that same power that kept Daniel from being devoured by hungry lions.
 - 后来让耶稣基督从死里复活的神的大能,同样也让但以理免遭饥饿的狮子吞吃。
- 127. The God who gave Jesus power over death gave Daniel power over the angels of death; 父神给耶稣能力胜过死亡,也赐给但以理能力战胜死神;

128. and, so, I end where I began, my listening friend. 亲爱的朋友,在结束的时候,我回到开始所说的,

129. Finishing well, 贯彻始终,

130. finishing with greater power, 靠着神的大能持守到底,

131. finishing with greater strength, requires only one thing:

靠着神的力量持守到底,只需做到一点:就 是

132. faithfulness.

忠心。

133. It is my prayer that you would be a faithful servant of the living God.

我祈求, 你能够成为永生神忠心的仆人。

134. Until next time, I wish you God's richest blessing.

愿神大大地赐福给你,下次节目再会。