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The
book of
Daniel

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HOW TO S.O.A.P

Items needed for each day:

1. Bible
2. Pencil
3. Journal

S - SCRIPTURE *{Which verse stood out to you?}*

Open your Bible to your reading for the day. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O - OBSERVATION *{What is God saying to you?}*

What do you feel God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you.

A - APPLICATION *{How can you apply it today?}*

Personalise what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P - PRAYER *{Ask God to help you use what you've learned}*

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

WELCOME TO DANIEL

The Jews are living in captivity. Daniel and his friends, some of the most promising young men of Judah, are in the first group of captives hauled off to Babylon. They remain obedient to God in spite of the pagan influences of their foreign surroundings.

Their discipline is noticed by the royal court, and soon Daniel becomes a prominent leader, serving several kings and even surviving the transition from Babylonian to Persian rule with his position intact. He has several visions from God about the future and the coming Messiah who will establish an eternal kingdom.

The stories of this book span over eighty years of Daniel's lifetime. He is a young man when he first arrives in Babylon; he is an old man when he faces the lions for remaining true to God. God is with Daniel, actively guiding and protecting him in every stage of his life. Daniel is not where he wants to be, but he is faithful to God despite his circumstances.

FINDING JESUS IN DANIEL

Daniel's vision of the "son of man coming with the clouds of heaven" who had "authority, honour, and sovereignty over all the nations" (7:13, 14) was a vision of Jesus. Daniel also proclaimed that this Messiah would come after a specific period of time following the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

You will catch glimpses of Jesus in the fourth figure who appears in the blazing furnace (3:25) and in the Anointed One who rules in Jerusalem (9:25). Jesus' great mission is also hinted at in Daniel's explanation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream about a stone that would shatter the nations of the world (2:34, 44).

Daniel

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WEEKDAY: MONDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 1:1-7
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

S - SCRIPTURE:

O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 1

WEEKDAY: TUESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 1:8-13
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: WEDNESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 1:14-17
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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P - PRAYER:

WEEK 1

WEEKDAY: THURSDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 1:18-21
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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<p>WEEKDAY:</p> <p>FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL</p>	<p>TODAY'S THEME:</p> <p>FAITHFULNESS IN BABYLON</p>
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READ Romans 12:1-2

Daniel entered Babylon as a young exile. The empire attempted to reshape his identity through a new education, a new language, a new culture and even a new name. Yet Daniel resolved that while he would serve in Babylon, Babylon would not define who he was. Romans 12 picks up the same challenge for followers of Jesus. Paul reminds believers that every culture seeks to shape us, but God desires to transform us. Daniel modelled what Paul later taught: faithful people live differently because their identity is rooted in God rather than the world around them.

What pressures or influences are currently shaping the way I think and live?

Where am I most tempted to compromise my convictions in order to fit in?

What practical step could I take this week to pursue transformation rather than conformity?

Daniel

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WEEK 2

WEEKDAY: MONDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 2:1-16
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: TUESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 2:17-23
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 2

WEEKDAY: WEDNESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 2:24-30
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: THURSDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 2:31-49
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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WEEK 2

WEEKDAY:

**FRIDAY
DEVOTIONAL**

TODAY'S THEME:

**GOD REVEALS WHAT
KINGS CANNOT KNOW**

READ James 1:5

King Nebuchadnezzar had access to the most educated and powerful advisers in the world, yet none could provide the wisdom he needed. Daniel turned first to prayer and trusted that God could reveal what human wisdom could not discover. James encourages believers to approach God with the same confidence. Wisdom is not reserved for the gifted or educated. God generously gives wisdom to those who seek Him. Daniel's story reminds us that our greatest need is not more information but greater dependence on God.

Where am I relying on my own understanding rather than seeking God's wisdom?

What decision or situation currently requires God's guidance?

How can prayer become a more natural first response when facing uncertainty?

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WEEKDAY: MONDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 3:1-12
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 3

WEEKDAY: TUESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 3:13-18
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: WEDNESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 3:19-25
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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WEEK 3

WEEKDAY: THURSDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 3:26-30
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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WEEKDAY:

**FRIDAY
DEVOTIONAL**

TODAY'S THEME:

**FAITH IN
THE FIRE**

READ 1 Peter 4:12-19

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow even when threatened with the furnace. Their faithfulness did not remove them from the trial, but God was present with them in it. Peter writes to believers facing opposition and suffering, reminding them not to be surprised by fiery trials. Both passages teach that faithfulness is often refined through difficulty. God does not always spare His people from hardship, but He promises His presence and His purposes through it.

What challenge or trial am I currently facing?

How might God be strengthening my faith through this season?

How can I trust God's presence even when circumstances do not change?

Daniel

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WEEK 4

WEEKDAY: MONDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 4:1-18
TIME:	ALPHA LAUNCH PARTY IS TONIGHT AT WOOD + STONE 

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O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: TUESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 4:19-27
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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P - PRAYER:

WEEK 4

WEEKDAY: WEDNESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 4:28-33
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: THURSDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 4:34-37
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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WEEK 4

<p>WEEKDAY: FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL</p>	<p>TODAY'S THEME: THE HUMBLING OF A KING</p>
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READ James 4:6-10

Nebuchadnezzar's downfall came not through weakness but through pride. He looked at all he had built and took the glory for himself. God humbled him so that he would recognise who truly rules over every kingdom. James echoes the same principle: God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Daniel 4 reminds us that humility is not thinking less of ourselves but recognising our dependence on God. Every good thing we have is ultimately a gift from Him.

Where might pride be subtly influencing my attitudes or actions?

What blessings in my life have I begun to take credit for rather than thank God for?

What would humility look like in my relationships this week?

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WEEKDAY: MONDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 5:1-9
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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P - PRAYER:

WEEK 5

WEEKDAY: TUESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 5:10-16
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: WEDNESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 5:17-28
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 5

WEEKDAY: THURSDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 5:29-31
TIME:	SERVE @ THE GREENFIELDS BIG BREKKY TODAY 

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P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY:

**FRIDAY
DEVOTIONAL**

TODAY'S THEME:

**THE WRITING
ON THE WALL**

READ Luke 12:15-21

Belshazzar enjoyed power, wealth and privilege, yet his heart was far from God. He ignored the lessons of previous generations and lived as though he was accountable to no one. Jesus tells a similar story about a rich man who stored up earthly treasure but neglected what truly mattered. Both passages remind us that success without God is ultimately empty. Life is measured not by what we possess but by our relationship with God.

What am I tempted to place my security in besides God?

How do my priorities reveal what I value most?

What would it look like to be rich toward God this week?

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WEEK 6

WEEKDAY: MONDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 6:1-9
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: TUESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 6:10-18
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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P - PRAYER:

WEEK 6

WEEKDAY: WEDNESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 6:19-24
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: THURSDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 6:25-28
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 6

<p>WEEKDAY: FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL</p>	<p>TODAY'S THEME: FAITHFULNESS UNDER PRESSURE</p>
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READ Philippians 4:4-9

Daniel's commitment to prayer remained unchanged despite the threat of the lions' den. His private devotion became the source of his public courage. Paul encourages believers to bring everything to God in prayer and to experience His peace in every circumstance. Daniel demonstrates what that kind of life looks like in practice. Prayer was not Daniel's emergency plan. It was his daily habit and deepest source of strength.

When do I tend to pray most: before difficulty or only during it?

What habits could help me develop a more consistent prayer life?

How have I experienced God's peace in past seasons of pressure?

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WEEKDAY: MONDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 7:1-8
TIME:	SERVE @ BEST DAY EVER THIS SATURDAY 

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O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 7

WEEKDAY: TUESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 7:9-14
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: WEDNESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 7:15-22
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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P - PRAYER:

WEEK 7

WEEKDAY: THURSDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 7:23-28
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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WEEKDAY:

**FRIDAY
DEVOTIONAL**

TODAY'S THEME:

**THE SON OF MAN
+ THE ETERNAL
KINGDOM**

READ Revelation 1:12-18

Daniel's vision reveals that earthly kingdoms rise and fall, but God's kingdom endures forever. At the centre of the vision stands the Son of Man receiving everlasting authority. In Revelation, John sees the risen Jesus and recognises Him as the fulfilment of Daniel's vision. These passages lift our eyes above present circumstances and remind us that history is moving toward Christ's ultimate reign. No earthly power will have the final word.

What temporary concerns have captured too much of my attention recently?

How does knowing Jesus reigns change the way I face uncertainty?

What area of my life needs to be more fully surrendered to Christ's rule?

Daniel

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WEEK 8

WEEKDAY: MONDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 8:1-14
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

S - SCRIPTURE:

O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: TUESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 8:15-27
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

S - SCRIPTURE:

O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 8

WEEKDAY: WEDNESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 9:1-19
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

S - SCRIPTURE:

O - OBSERVATION:

A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: THURSDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 9:20-27
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 8

WEEKDAY:

**FRIDAY
DEVOTIONAL**

TODAY'S THEME:

**KINGDOMS RISE AND
FALL, GOD REMAINS**

READ Ephesians 2:1-10

Daniel responds to the brokenness of God's people with confession, repentance and dependence on God's mercy. He knows that restoration cannot be earned; it must come from God. Paul develops this same truth in Ephesians, teaching that salvation is by grace through faith. Daniel's prayer and Paul's teaching both point to a God who acts mercifully toward undeserving people. Our hope rests not in our goodness but in God's grace.

Do I approach God primarily through performance or through grace?

What areas of my life require confession and renewed dependence on God?

How does God's mercy shape the way I view myself and others?

Daniel

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Twelve

WEEKDAY: MONDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 10:1-21
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 9

WEEKDAY: TUESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 11:1-35
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY: WEDNESDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 11:36-45
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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A - APPLICATION:

P - PRAYER:

WEEK 9

WEEKDAY: THURSDAY	TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: DANIEL 12:1-13
TIME:	Grab your Bible and read today's scripture. Write down the verses that stand out to you the most.

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P - PRAYER:

WEEKDAY:

**FRIDAY
DEVOTIONAL**

TODAY'S THEME:

**HOPE FOR THE
FAITHFUL**

READ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Daniel concludes with a vision that stretches beyond present suffering to God's final victory. Though God's people may face hardship, persecution and uncertainty, the future belongs to Him. Paul offers the same encouragement to believers grieving and waiting for Christ's return. Both passages anchor hope not in present circumstances but in God's promised future. Because God wins in the end, His people can remain faithful today.

What circumstances make it difficult for me to maintain hope?

How does the promise of resurrection and Christ's return encourage me?

What would faithful endurance look like in my current season?

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