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Daniel: Uncommon Faith in an Evercompromising World

The Danger of Pride

Nebuchadnezzar witnessed God's power multiple times, yet he continued to live with a prideful heart until God humbled him. Why do you think pride can be so difficult to recognize in ourselves? What are some practical ways we can guard against pride in our own lives?

Leadership Is Stewardship

The sermon's bottom line says, "Leadership is stewardship, it's temporary, and you will be held accountable for what you do with it." Where has God given you influence—at home, at work, at school, or in your community? How would your leadership change if you intentionally viewed it as something God entrusted to you rather than something you earned?

Speaking Truth with Compassion

Daniel didn't celebrate Nebuchadnezzar's coming judgment. Instead, he genuinely cared for the king and courageously urged him to repent. Why is it important to balance truth with compassion when confronting someone? Can you think of a time when someone lovingly spoke truth into your life?

God's Pursuit of the Unlikely

Nebuchadnezzar seemed like the least likely person to become a follower of God, yet God relentlessly pursued him until he acknowledged God's sovereignty. How does this story encourage you when you think about people in your life who seem far from God? How should it shape the way you pray for and interact with them?

Giving God the Glory

Nebuchadnezzar's downfall began when he took credit for what God had allowed him to accomplish, but his restoration came when he lifted his eyes to heaven and gave God the glory. What blessings, talents, or successes are you tempted to take credit for? What are some practical ways you can intentionally give God the glory in your everyday life?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help us recognize that everything we have and every place of influence You have given us belongs to You. Guard our hearts from pride and teach us to lead, serve, and live with humility for Your glory. Give us the courage to follow You faithfully and to trust that You are sovereign over every part of our lives. Amen.

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Daniel 4:1–37

Daniel 4:1–3 – Nebuchadnezzar's declaration of God's greatness

Daniel 4:4–18 – The king's dream of the great tree

Daniel 4:19–27 – Daniel interprets the dream and calls the king to repentance

Daniel 4:28–33 – Nebuchadnezzar's pride and God's judgment

Daniel 4:34–37 – Nebuchadnezzar's restoration and praise to God

Psalms 139:13–16

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

James 4:6

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

1 Peter 5:5

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Matthew 20:25–28

²⁵Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Philippians 2:3–11

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.