

Life Group Notes

Sunday 17th October 2021

Speaker: Liz Green

Title: Daniel: The Kings first dream

Passage: Daniel 2

Summary of Dan 2 – See if someone can recall the story.

Otherwise recap; King Nebucadnezzars' dreams are disturbing him and he demands his advisors tell him content as well as interpret his dreams. He threatens his counsel that he will kill them since no one can give him an answer. Daniel steps forward and volunteers to tell King both content and meaning of dreams. He then goes to friends and asks them to pray. God reveals the mystery of the dream to Daniel who then goes to Nebucadnezzar and tells him what he has dreamt as well as what it means.

The dream of a large statue made of varying metals is a depiction of the Kingdoms that will follow Nebs kingdom. The imagery of a stone cut from no human hand is a Kingdom that will rise and smash all other Kingdoms to pieces.

Neb is humbled by what he hears and acknowledges the greatness of Daniels God. He then elevates Dan to a position of prominence in his Kingdom.

3 things we can learn in this Chapter of how Daniel lived in exile;

1. **Daniel knew God.** Confidence in God = Courage for God

Confidence - CAN he/WILL he? Is God powerful?/Does He care?

Do you know God? Do you know what like? Do you know his heart for Babylon?

Daniel - not incredible but knows an incredible God. Not capable - God capable

2. **Daniel leant into community**

With his life on the line, Daniel runs to his Babylon 4.

Who are your prayer buddies? Who do you contact when have need? Who knows your world?

If not in an RFC3, do consider getting into one. Resources on website.

3. **Daniel used what he had, where he was.** Dan used gifts given him, where God had placed him

God gifted Daniel to understand dreams but Daniel believed God would use him, even in exile. Exile not Dan plan! But Dan makes self available for God to use, in pagan land.

What does it look like for you to live in expectation that God can use you wherever find yourself?

Gen 12 promise – **'through the descendants of Abraham, all the earth would be blessed. Gods people are to be a blessing to ALL families of earth'** Mandate on all God's people.

Gifts aren't to build our world but to further mission of God.

Questions:

1. Why do **you** want to know God better? No pat answers please!!!
2. Confidence in God = Courage for God. Discuss!
3. Are you in an RFC3? Share your experiences with others as to what has/hasn't worked.
4. How has God gifted you? What will help you work it out?
5. How can you posture yourself to be available to him in the places you will inhabit tomorrow?