

## An Impossible Situation!

The Prophet Daniel, in the Old Testament book named after him, shows us how to live faithfully; even when life doesn't have a happy ending! His country overrun by the brutal King Nebuchadnezzar, of Babylon; and, his parents perhaps slain right before his eyes; Daniel, nonetheless, remained faithful! He refused to defile himself by the ungodly culture around him; and, God blessed him for it! The 1st chapter reveals that; after enduring 3 years of training intended to indoctrinate him in the ways of the Babylonians, "...no one was found equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they began to serve in the king's court. In every matter of wisdom and understanding that the king consulted them about, he found them 10 times better than all the diviner-priests and mediums in his entire kingdom" (1:19-20). The 2nd chapter, of Daniel, opens with a bad dream; and, a case of insomnia for King Nebuchadnezzar. In v.2, he calls together all his diviner-priests, mediums, and sorcerers; and, gives them an impossible situation— he demands not only the meaning of his dream; but, he also demands that they tell him what he dreamed! Not because he forgot; but, because he was testing them; and, when they couldn't deliver, he sends an assassin to kill them all. That's when God

shows us, through Daniel, how to respond to an impossible situation. The text, v.14, says, "*Then Daniel responded with tact and discretion...*" as he spoke to the COMMANDER of the king's guard. In v.16 it says, "...*Daniel went and asked the king to give him some time so that he could give the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah about the matter, urging them to ask the God of heaven for mercy concerning this mystery, so Daniel and his friends would not be killed with the rest of Babylon's wise men.*" Notice that he responded to this impossible situation by taking it to his "faith community"; and, then, praying together until God answered. It says God, "...*revealed the mystery to Daniel in a vision at night.*" Daniel shows us how to respond to impossible situations in life. He lived out his faith— *that God was Sovereign!* That He was in the details! That He is never surprised! That He's choreographing the impossible situations in life, in time; and, in history for His ultimate purpose! God was revealing Himself to King Nebuchadnezzar! Through Daniel's story, God shows us how to live a "well done, good & faithful servant" kind of life; even, when the future looks bleak and scary! So, Daniel comes into the king's presence; and, tells him that God had revealed to him, in his dream, things about the future!

## Give God The Glory

And, I love Daniel's humility! He takes no credit; but, he gives God the glory: "...*there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has let King Nebuchadnezzar know what will happen in the last days. Your dream and the visions that came into your mind as you lay in bed were these: Your Majesty, while you were in your bed, thoughts came to your mind about what will happen in the future. The revealer of mysteries has let you know what will happen. As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but in order that the interpretation might be made known to the king & that you may understand the thoughts of your mind*" (v.28-30). That's awesome! "*I don't want you to think that I have the dream & interpretation because I'm smarter than everyone else. This is a God thing, King Nebuchadnezzar! The God of heaven crashed your dreams; and, He's got big plans to share with you!*"

## "Greeting Team"

### For Sunday, October 24

Remember: Meet in the coat room @ **10:30 am** for brief prayer & then go "welcome" people! NOTE: Keep an eye on the auditorium for those who slipped past!

## Greeters this week:

Curt Mastbergen Sun Noon;

Josh Tackett Sunday Night

- 1st— Erickson Thursday PM;  
Jen Hagler Thursday PM
- 2nd— Terry Embke Monday Night;
- 3rd— Randy Ehlers Sunday Night;  
Donna Ehlers Monday Morning
- 4th— Curt Mastbergen Sunday Noon;  
Tackett Sunday Night

## Small Groups @ MBC

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Biblically Qualified Leaders  
Who Receive  
Ongoing Support,  
Oversight & Curriculum  
Approval From Our Team Of  
Elders

-Guide To: Small Group Ministry  
@ MBC

## Announcements

1. Good Read?  
Voddie Baucham's  
"Fault Lines" —an alternate,  
Biblical view of Critical Race  
Theory
2. Signed Up For  
"RightNow Media"?  
Text "MBCHURCH" to 49775  
to sign up!