

Committed

Walking with Jesus in a Post-Christian Generation

Facing the Impossible

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Series Thread: To live a God-honoring life in a culture that does not always honor God, we start with keeping our commitment.

Message Thread: “Now we will” (Daniel 2:36) – You face the impossible with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Daniel 2:1-11 NLT

- God can use high-risk situations to reveal Himself.

Daniel 2:12-14 NLT

- Daniel had wisdom and discretion in his tool chest; no one else did.
 - Wisdom = The response was mature beyond his years.
 - Discernment = A grasp of the facts and decision making that surprises.
- This battle was won before it began because of Daniel's preparation; it was already in him.

Action Item: When are you gathering wisdom and discretion? Should you gather more? Should you choose better quality wisdom and discretion?

Daniel 2:15-16 NLT

- Daniel went straight to the (unreasonable) source and made room for God to redeem the situation.
 - Daniel 3:17 *“Our God is able.”*
- Daniel knew what he couldn't do.
- Daniel knew what he must do:
 - Appeal vs demand.
 - Though it was not enough, he offered his willingness to carry the responsibility.
 - Daniel knew God hadn't brought him there to abandon him, but to learn how to walk closer to God.

Action Item: Determine to respond with your faith ahead of time.

Daniel 2:17-18 NLT

- WHO do you RUN to for wisdom, faith, and friendship?
 - Do they believe “*God is able...?*” Or are they FAITHLESS?

Action Item: Identify who you will run to.

Daniel 2:19-20 NLT

Daniel 2:27-30 NLT

Daniel 2:36 NLT

- Pointed to God as his source.
 - Daniel humbled himself.
 - Enabled Daniel to be led of the Holy Spirit.
 - Had the presence of mind to recognize God had a heart for Nebuchadnezzar.

Action Item: Ask God to lead you by His Holy Spirit.

Daniel 2:48-49 NLT

- God used a high-risk situation to reward Daniel and give him more.
 - He raised his shield of faith and it calmed him enough to:
 - Appeal.
 - Place his trust in God.
 - Get others involved.
 - See God’s heart for the king.
 - Be credible evidence of God’s greatness.

Action Item: What high-risk situation do you face?

Application:

- We are the readers; we are the ones facing high risk situations, and we CAN raise our shield of faith.
- For the readers - WHO is in CONTROL?
- For the readers - WHO is worthy of your FAITH?
- For the readers - WHO is leading me?

Challenge:

- Are you committed?
- Who do you find your identity with?
- Will you be led of the Holy Spirit?

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