

# Committed

Walking with Jesus in a Post-Christian Generation

Facing the Impossible

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## Daniel 2:44-45 NLT

## Daniel 7:13-14 NLT

**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 2:48) – You face the impossible with the help of the Holy Spirit.**

## Daniel 2:11 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.

**Action Item: When are you gathering wisdom and discretion?**

## Daniel 2:16 NLT

- Daniel went straight to the (unreasonable) source and made room for God to redeem the situation.
  - Daniel 3:17 “*Our God is able.*”

**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.
    - Have to admit my answers bow to YOURS.
  - Enabled Daniel to be led of the Holy Spirit.
  - Not only that, the Holy Spirit empowers us for specific purpose.
  - Acts 1:3-8 NLT
  - Romans 8:5-14 NLT
  - Facing troubling times and impossible situations. Mark 13:11 NLT
- How does Daniel do this? It’s an impossible situation.
  - Daniel was being led of the Holy Spirit. He was not alone. “*We will tell you.*”
  - He trusted God to make a way.
    - God led him each step of the way.
    - God gave him the words.
    - God gave him the heart to speak the words.
  - He was empowered FOR this moment.
- 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.
- Daniel, in 24 hours, went from unknown to extremely influential.
  - 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, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

**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? His identity in Yahweh is WHY he could do what no one else did.
- Will you be led of the Holy Spirit to stand WITH GOD in whatever you face? So you can say, *"We will..."*

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