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March 12, 2023 - Pastor Jarrod Stueve

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Probably not - _____!

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- 3) Is my suffering God's rebuke of past sin?

Probably not - BUT MAYBE !

- 4) When we take communion - we should JUDGE ourselves.

- 5) Real JUSTICE demands appropriate PAYMENT

- 6) God takes our REPRESENTATION of Him seriously.

- 7) God takes His COVENANTS seriously.

- 8) God's Word will NEVER CHANGE

Psalm 119:160 - "The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever."

In this passage, how did Daniel submit to authority?

How else did Daniel submit to authority in other passages?

What does this reveal about Daniel's heart?

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

- 7) In 2 Samuel 21, God dealt with an *old sin* in Israel's past. Is there an *old sin* in your past that you need to give to God? Is there somebody you wronged in your past that you need to make amends with, for the sake of your representation of God?

- 8) Are there any aspects of God's Word that you struggle to share with others? What are they?

How can you grow in your calling to represent God to others?

- 9) What promise of God do you most need to rest in today? Write it down here, either generalized or the specific verse.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of March 12, 2023

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This weekend, we learned that God wants to use His people to represent Him to the world. How has God used someone in your life to represent Himself to you?

REVIEW

- 2) Come up with a newspaper headline for 2 Samuel 20 and/or 21:1-14.

- 3) What stood out to you from this week's message? What questions did you have?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week we read how Joab continued to serve himself rather than truly submit to David. What stands out to you from the following passage?

Philippians 2:14-16 - "[14] Do all things without complaining and disputing, [15] that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, [16] holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

What do you complain or grumble about?

What does this reveal about your heart?

What does God's Word say about this?

5) Brother Yun is a Chinese Christian that suffered torture and imprisonment for his faith. What stands out to you from his quote below?

"We never pray against our government or call down curses on them. Instead, we have learned that God is in control both of our own lives and the government we live under. God has used China's government for His own purposes, molding and shaping His children as He sees fit. Instead of focusing our prayers against any political system, we pray that regardless of what happens to us, we will be pleasing to God." — Brother Yun, in the book *The Heavenly Man*

What does this quote reveal about Brother Yun's goal in life?

What do you pray for? What do you fight for?

What does that reveal about your goal in life?

6) What stands out to you from the following passage?

Daniel 1:1-5, 8-16 - *"[1] In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. [2] And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles*

into the treasure house of his god. [3] Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, [4] young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans. [5] And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king. ... [8] But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. [9] Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs. [10] And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who are your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king." [11] So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, [12] "Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. [13] "Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants." [14] So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days. [15] And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. [16] Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

What thoughts or fears might you have struggled with if you were in Daniel's position?