

"WE have the mind of Christ!"

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A POSTURE of Humility looks like...

- a) It **Forgets** everything except Jesus
(1 Cor 2:2)
- b) It **Finds** Common Ground with others and grows the relationship from there.
- c) It **Flaunts** only what the Lord has done
(1 Cor 1:31; 1 Cor 4:2)

The PRACTICE of Faithfulness means that...

- a) We **Pursue** Accountability with both the Lord and with each other.
 - b) We **Perform** in the Moment with a Focus on the Future.
 - c) We **Push** into the Blessing of our Circumstances
- (3) It will be in our humility and faithfulness, people will **see** and **hear** Jesus, not us. Let that be so of me... of you... and of Open Gate.

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Why do you think God gave King Nebuchadnezzar this dream and (through Daniel) interpretation?

GET PRACTICAL

5) Look back at your notesheet - Which area of humility or faithfulness do you most need to grow in?

What can you do this week to “move forward” in this area?

If God gave you a vision where you spent five minutes in heaven - how do you think it would change your perspective or attitude today?

What is your favorite verse to help you live in light of the future hope of heaven and God’s kingdom?

6) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week’s message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of October 22, 2023

MY STORY

- 1) What is something you have been really enjoying lately? (A food, song, TV show, restaurant, etc)

- 2) What comes to mind when you picture somebody having “the mind of Christ”?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What stood out to you from this passage or Sunday’s message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) Daniel was taken from his home in Israel to the land of Babylon, where he was trained to serve King Nebuchadnezzar (a foreign, pagan king). The king had a dream, and he demanded his wise men to tell him - not just the *meaning* of the dream - but also the *contents* of the dream, or else they would all be executed. What stands out to you from the following passage?

Daniel 2:20-23, 26-28, 47 - "[20] Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. [21] And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives

wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. [22] He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him. [23] "I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, And have now made known to me what we asked of You, For You have made known to us the king's demand." ... [26] The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?" [27] Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. [28] "But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: ... [47] The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.""

Looking back at your notesheet, do you see any examples of humility or faithfulness in the life of Daniel? If so, what?

Aside from missing family or friends, what do you think would be hardest if you were taken from America and forced to serve a foreign king in a foreign land?

In what way(s) might Daniel have acted in this situation if he chose to live a life of pride and selfishness instead?

What stands out to you from Daniel's interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

Daniel 2:36-45 - "[36] "This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. [37] "You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; [38] "and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all--you are this head of gold. [39] "But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. [40] "And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. [41] "Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. [42] "And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. [43] "As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. [44] "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. [45] "Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold--the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.""

What is interesting or confusing to you in this passage?