

Daniel - Week 5 - The Writing on the Wall

Scripture: Daniel 5

Questions

1. Read Daniel 5:1-9
2. The Bible tells how a loving God is bringing the fall of creation back to Him for its original purpose. How does this story show God is working His plan?
3. Main Idea: Your Life, your breath and everything is owed to God.
 - What comes to your mind when you read this statement?
4. Character #1: Belshazzar is throwing a party as the enemy army approaches. He is in denial and his ego is flaunting his importance.
 - What results have you seen from someone's life (or part of it) falling apart and yet they were in denial and thinking they were in control?
 - In a Christian's life or the Church body, how can control issues and ego hinder what God wants to accomplish?
5. Character #2: The Hand. God will show up in our lives whether we recognize Him or not.
 - Have you ever felt God warn you about a behavior/sin or situation?
 - How do our priorities change when a crisis arises?
6. Character #3: The Queen knew about Daniel and God but didn't know God herself.
 - It is easy for us to understand how a prideful and arrogant king like Belshazzar is found wanting. Why are good people with a life of good works unable to be found innocent by God's judgement?
7. Character #4: Daniel, now 80 years old, has remained faithful to God throughout his entire captivity and delivers the message of the hand writing without fear. How does that encourage you to stay faithful in life's challenges?
8. Read Daniel 5:30. That very night the King was killed. Life can change very quickly. Why in today's culture is it important that we stay alert to becoming complacent or deceived?
9. Self Reflection: Pastor Shaen asked you to take an honest look at your life. Who does your life resemble the most from the characters we saw in Daniel chapter 5? King Belshazzar, The Hand, The Queen, or Daniel.
10. End in prayer that we continually remember our lives, our breath and our everything is owed to God.