

# DEEPENING OUR FAITH

Daniel 2:19-40

Previously in Daniel:

- Deep faith comes from knowing that God **OWNS WISDOM** and **POWER**.
- Deep faith comes from knowing God's wisdom and power controls **TIME** and **KINGDOMS**.

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How do you balance human wisdom (intelligence abilities giftedness) with knowing that only God owns true wisdom? As you approach daily life, how much should we trust in what we think we can do, vs faith in what God can do? Read 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:25 and discuss the difference of man's wisdom vs God's.
2. Is it possible to have deep faith in God when you only have a casual or erratic relationship with him? Why would deep study of scripture and a consistent persistent prayer life be important to developing your faith?
3. Does wisdom automatically come to us when we become God's child through salvation? Is anything required of us to obtain wisdom? Why or why not?
4. King Nebuchadnezzar's dream described the kingdom of Babylon, His kingdom, as a powerful kingdom that he was ruler of. Read verses 37 – 38 of chapter 2 and discuss how much of this powerful and elegant kingdom should Nebuchadnezzar be credited with? How much of our successes should we take credit for? How much of our difficulties should we be blamed for?
5. Paul Tripp said: "I am deeply persuaded that the primary reason we complain, grumble, and accuse is because the sovereignty of God doesn't rule in our heart. What would we need to change in our life in order for God's sovereignty to rule our heart..." What would change in us if it did? (See Luke 6:45)



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