

## DISCUSSIONGUIDE

### Crazy Faith (Daniel #4)

Week of **March 31, 2019**

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#### Read Daniel 4:27

1. What advice does Daniel give that might help King Nebuchadnezzar avoid the outcome shown to him in the dream? Why is this good advice?

#### Read Daniel 4:28-30

2. a. How do Nebuchadnezzar's words reveal he views himself as God?  
  
b. Pride isn't always as blatant as in the words of verse 30. What are some ways that pride can show up in our lives that may not be as obvious?

#### Read Daniel 4:31-33

3. What is it God wants Nebuchadnezzar to learn through his time of humiliation?

#### Read Daniel 4:34-37

4. The same man whose kingdom exiled and persecuted God's people was humbled by God and led to worship Him. What does this teach us about God?

#### Read Hebrews 12:7-11

5. a. According to these verses, who does God discipline and why?  
  
b. How does this New Testament passage relate to the Old Testament story of Nebuchadnezzar?

### MAKING IT PERSONAL

6. a. Discipline feels painful in the moment, yet we often see God's love through it. Has there been a time like this in your life? How did God use it to shape you?  
  
b. Pastor Erin talked about how "God is God. We are not." Is there an area of your life where you are acting like you are God? If so, what will it look like for you to relinquish control of this area to Christ?

### MEMORY VERSE

*"...for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble." (Daniel 4:37)*

### PRAYER

Close by praising God that He is able to change even the most prideful and disobedient heart. Ask Him to help us be a church of people who live our lives humbly, knowing He is God and we are not.

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