

Today we continue our fall sermon series on Daniel 1-6 called “Life in Exile” by moving on to Daniel 4. In this chapter, we encounter another unusual dream given to King Nebuchadnezzar. In his dream, he saw a large tree that is cut down. He asked all of the wise men in Babylon to interpret the dream for him, but they could not. So the king summoned Daniel, who was able to interpret the dream for him - telling him about his impending downfall and restoration. This chapter is bookended by statements from King Nebuchadnezzar proclaiming Yahweh to be the one true God. Throughout worship today, you are encouraged to see God's greatness and power. And, by seeing His sovereignty, you are likewise encouraged to continue to pursue humility.

Sermon Notes
Daniel 4 ~ “Humility in Exile”

- * **What is unusual about the structure of Daniel 4?**
- * **What was the content of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream?**
- * **What was the interpretation of his dream and how was it fulfilled?**
- * **What does it mean to be humble?**
- * **How does our current situation in 2020 encourage us to pursue humility?**

Weekly Social Media Post . . .

To be proud is to think that we have no need for God in our lives. To be humble is to see ourselves completely and utterly dependent on God and His goodness. Pursue humility, because God humiliates the proud but exalts the humble. #stjohnwoodbury #LifeInExile #HumilityInExile

**WHAT'S
HAPPENING**

The week of October 4 at St. John!

- * **Communion at Home** ... If you have not been able to attend in-person worship and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact Pastor Dave and he will arrange it with you.
- * **Children's Bulletins** ... Children's Bulletins with a clipboard are available for the kiddos. Children can take the bulletin and crayons home with them each Sunday. There is a basket to return used clipboards, which will be sanitized after each use.
- * **Fall Online Bible Study** ... This Fall, Pastor Stadler will lead an 8-week Bible study on the books of Ruth — a surprising, unexpected ancestress of Jesus — and Esther — an undercover Jew who saved her people from extinction. These studies are Thursday evenings at 7 :00 pm from October 1 through November 19. Each session will take place online via Zoom and the recorded studies will be available on our website. To access the first session on October 1, go to <http://bit.ly/RuthEstherSession1>. To access the October 8 session, please go to <http://bit.ly/RuthEstherSession2>.
- * **Christian Basics Class** ... Are you looking to learn more about the basics of the Christian faith? Perhaps you want a refresher on a certain area of the faith. If so, we are offering an 8-week Christian Basics Class that will “go live” on our website and Facebook page on Monday nights at 6:30 pm (starting October 5). The first class is on the Bible and Law and Gospel.
- * **Glow Golf Fellowship event Saturday, October 10** ... Come for a night of food, fellowship and fun! We will have pre-wrapped hot dogs and chips at 5:30 pm ... a 5-hole glow golf course set up on the grounds of St. John ... all ages that can swing a club are welcome to come and play ... we will provide the glow golf balls ... all holes will be around 150 yards long ... we'll end the night with pre-packaged s'more kits and a social distanced fire ... all you need is golf clubs if you want to golf and a chair to sit and enjoy the fire!
- * **Membership at St. John** ... If you have been visiting St. John and would like to officially become a member, please contact Pastor Dave for more info (651-436-6621 or pastor@stjohnwoodbury.org). Even though it won't look the same as years past, we will have a New Member Welcome later this fall.
- * **In Our Prayers** ... Eric & Kelsey Melzer, Rhoda Shields, Renee Holz, Chris Emery, Jon Friel, Judy Eder, Vance Grannis, Bruce Dahlberg, Joanne Dahlin, Lisa Larsen, Ruth Hagemeyer, Laura DePetro, Lorraine Schire, Kevin Portugue, Mary Schultz, Peter Nyout, Oline Tolbert, Doug Lasker, Dolores Weir, Carol Mrozik, Betsy Dehler, Gene Pommerening