

Sermon Guide August 24: Daniel 4

What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

Key Takeaway:

- 1. God works in our lives even when things aren't going well.
- 2. No one is too far gone for God's saving grace.
- 3. We should approach others with both grace and truth, as modeled by Daniel.
- 4. Our response to God's work in our lives matters.
- 5. God is patient and gives opportunities for repentance.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. God works best by making our lives not work. Have you experienced this in your own life? How did it lead you closer to God?
- 2. Reflect on Daniel's approach to King Nebuchadnezzar. How did he balance truth and grace? Why is this balance important in our interactions with others?
- 3. Is there someone in your life you've considered "too far gone" for God's saving grace? How does King Nebuchadnezzar's story challenge this perspective?
- 4. The sermon emphasized that how we respond to God matters. What are some ways we can actively respond to God's work in our lives?
- 5. How does the story of King Nebuchadnezzar demonstrate God's patience and desire for repentance? How might this impact how we view our own struggles or those of others?
- 6. It's impossible for us to be full of grace and truth without being full of Jesus. What does this mean to you practically? How can we cultivate this in our daily lives?

Practical Applications:

- 1. Identify one person in your life who you've considered "too far gone" and commit to praying for them daily this week.
- 2. Practice balancing grace and truth in your interactions this week. Reflect on situations where you tend to lean too heavily on one or the other.
- 3. Set aside time each day to read and meditate on a verse from Scripture, allowing it to shape your thoughts and actions throughout the day.
- 4. Reflect on areas in your life where you might be building your own kingdom instead of submitting to God's. What steps can you take to surrender these areas to Him?
- 5. Share with the group next week about an opportunity you had to extend grace and truth to someone, especially in a challenging situation.
- 6. If you're struggling with feeling distant from God, take time to "look up to heaven" like Nebuchadnezzar did. Journal about what you see of God's character and how it applies to your situation.