

Sermon Guide August 31: Daniel 5

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

Have you ever ignored a clear warning or piece of advice? What happened as a result?

Key Takeaway:

- 1. Belshazzar's downfall came not from lack of information, but from his unwillingness to apply what he knew.
- 2. God is patient and merciful, but He will not ignore sin forever.
- 3. Our eternal destiny depends not just on what we know, but on what we do with that knowledge.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What parallels do you see between Belshazzar's attitude and modern society's approach to God?
- 2. We often think warnings don't apply to us. Can you think of examples where you've seen this mindset in yourself or others?
- 3. How does the image of being "weighed on the scales" impact your understanding of God's judgment?
- 4. Discuss the statement: "It's not that you know that matters. It's what you do with what you know that matters." How does this apply to our faith?
- 5. How does God's patience and desire for repentance shape your view of God's character?
- 6. What are some ways we might be creating a "third category" in our approach to faith?

Practical Applications:

- 1. Self-reflection: Take time this week to examine areas in your life where you might be ignoring God's warnings or guidance.
- 2. Action step: Identify one piece of biblical knowledge you've been neglecting to apply and commit to putting it into practice.
- 3. Sharing faith: Consider how you can communicate the urgency of responding to the gospel to someone in your life.
- 4. Gratitude exercise: Reflect on and thank God for His patience and mercy in your own life.