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What We Have to Keep Central:

- a. Christians have always lived in oppositional cultures
- b. Our enemy is Satan, not people
- c. God calls us to rescue people, not the culture
- d. Disagree with opinions, not people

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1. Don't be surprised when upside-down leaders do upside-down things

Daniel 5:1-16

Colossians 4:5-6

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When you've lived in a **Jesus-honoring** way among the people that you do life with, when those in your world who don't know the love and life of Jesus enter into crisis seasons, they'll know to turn to you.

2. Speak the truth as God's **ambassador** when you're called upon to do so

Daniel 5:17-28

Daniel was convinced that God was in control of who was in **control**.
(Larry Osborne)

The longer that you're following Jesus are you growing in your **confidence** of how BIG He is and how much you can trust Him?

3. Don't assume God's role of **judging** upside-down people

Daniel 5:29-31

Now What?

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Week of February 4

Rebuke

This is the fifth session in the "Inverted" series. You can hear the messages or join a Home Group at www.trinityonline.org.



Share It

Was there a time when you saw someone get what they had coming? How did you feel?



Study the Word

Read "Daniel" five. Which statements point to the sovereignty of God?

Which features of Nebuchadnezzar in vs. 18-20 are God-given and owned?

What was the great sin of Nebuchadnezzar? How did he respond to God?

List Daniel's (God's) statements of rebuke to Belshazzar. What was his great sin?

What evidences Daniel's humility? How did he honor God?



Discuss Together

Respond to this: "To not tell someone they are a sinner is to not alert them that their house is on fire."

How should we respond when we see people deserving of judgment? When should we speak the truth about sin? What does wisdom and humility look like in this?

Daniel did more than just interpret the words on the wall (vs. 18-28). What is our part and what is God's part of helping people to see their need for repentance? (Note also the queen's words, "Don't be alarmed!")



Pray

- Pray for our team serving in Thailand, caring for global servant families
- Pray for the people in your world who don't yet know God
- Pray for Christ-followers suffering persecution in the world



Apply It This Week

Get real with God about how you see other 'sinners.' Examine your heart: Am I humble in my thoughts and actions? Am I trusting God to do the judging? Is there pride?