

Sermon SERIES: Thriving in Babylon

God Over All

Daniel 2 (all of it)

How do you thrive when your life and the world around you are tough, confusing and mysterious?

1. FACE TODAY'S PRESSURE WITH GOD AS YOUR FIRST FOCUS

- A. He did not self-trust to go it alone (even though he was the cream of the crop, 10 times better Da 1:20). He does not see himself as a Lone Ranger.
- B. He did not call for a brainstorm session, or ways and means committee meeting
- C. What he did is call on His SG to pray with him. I am convinced the enemy would love for you to do anything, but two things...hear God in His word, and pray. Prayer should preempt all other action. ¹⁴The You will face pressure.

2. LIVE TODAY WITH TRUST, HUMILITY, AND WISDOM

2:25 – When Arioch brings Daniel in and we get a glimpse of what happens when opportunities are in front of us...and what we all are tempted to do. We want some recognition...we seek credit for ourselves.

God does what only He can do when He desires to make known to us what we need to know...and not before. Live with confident trust in this, or face that you will struggle when God does not do what you want and allows what you would not. It is in those moments you show YOU want to be God.

Here is how you must frame each moment, building humility and trust...and thrive

- A. GOD IS NOT SURPRISED BY THIS MOMENT (though I might be)
- B. GOD IS SUFFICIENT FOR THIS MOMENT (though I know I am not)
- C. GOD IS TO BE SUPREME IN THIS MOMENT (this is not about me...there is God and a king for Daniel to serve. Exalt God and joy will chase you)
- D. GOD WILL CARE FOR ME IN THIS MOMENT. (I am not alone. Sin is what

3. EMBRACE A VIEW OF GOD'S BIG KINGDOM INSTEAD OF GETTING WRAPPED UP IN YOUR LITTLE KINGDOM

But God establishes kingdoms, and what kingdom will ultimately stand...
There is an unshakeable kingdom of Christ, the STONE