

Let's Talk: Day 211-One Story

Daniel's Three Friends & the Fiery Furnace – The Fiery Furnace & Fiery Trials in our Lives

Today's Reading: Daniel 3; Isaiah 48:10-11; 1Peter 4:12-14

Each person share what you are willing to die for. A winning goal? An ice cream cone?

Questions:

1. What law did the king make? What did Daniel's three friends do about this law? What is their perspective on their own deliverance? What do you think you would have been thinking if you were one of these men?
2. Once the king heard, how did he respond? What happened to the soldiers that helped to throw the three men into the fire?
3. Who appeared in the fire with them? What amazing miracle happened regarding their clothes and how they smelled? How do you think going through this trial made these three men even more resolved to follow God?
4. How did God get the glory through this whole situation? Who did Nebuchadnezzar acknowledge as the God of gods!

Let's Talk: Day 212

Daniel & Nebuchadnezzar's Dream & Humbling – God Establishes Authorities

Today's Reading: Daniel 4; Daniel 5:18-21; Romans 13:1-4

Pray for the leaders of your government today.

Questions:

1. What was Nebuchadnezzar's second dream about? What was the interpretation of the dream? Again, what attitude did Daniel have delivering this message?

2. What problem did the king have with his character? Did King Nebuchadnezzar change his ways after being warned by the dream? At what point did the prophecy begin to come true?
3. Belshazzar was aware of what happened to Nebuchadnezzar but didn't learn from his example. Can you think of a time that you avoided making a mistake because you learned from the example of someone else?
4. What does God say should be our attitude toward our government and leaders? Who is ultimately in charge? How often do you pray for your leaders?

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Daniel & Belshazzar's Pride – The Handwriting of God, Pride & Humbling Yourself

Today's Reading: Daniel 5; Psalms 62:9-12; 1Peter 5:5-6

Make your own invisible ink with equal parts baking soda and water. Using a cotton swab or your finger, create a message that can only be read when heated, like near a light bulb or in an oven.

Questions:

1. What vessels did Belshazzar use to drink? Why was this wrong? How would you describe his attitude at the start of this chapter?
2. What supernatural event happened an hour later? How would you describe how Belshazzar was feeling then?
3. What did Daniel say was Belshazzar's problem? What translation did Daniel give and how did it come true?
4. What is God's view regarding the proud? What about the humble? How would you rate yourself on a humble to proud scale?

Let's Talk: Day 214

Daniel & the Lions' Den – Daniel Prays Three Times a Day & Lives Blamelessly

Today's Reading: Daniel 6; Psalms 55:16-19; 1Peter 3:13-17

Play a variation of "Rock, Paper, Scissors." Play Daniel (praying hands), Governor (angry fist), Lion (claws). Governor beats Daniel, because he sent him to the lions' den; Daniel beats Lion, because God saved him; Lion beats Governor, because the Governor was thrown in the den.

Questions:

1. What do you learn about Daniel's character at the start of chapter 6? What was the only area where they could find fault with Daniel? Would they be able to say the same thing about you?
2. What law was signed in order to trap Daniel? How did Daniel respond? Can you think of a time where you were bold for Jesus when there was a risk that people might not approve?
3. What happened that night in the lions' den? Do you think Daniel was scared? How did the king spend the night?
4. What effect did Daniel's character and actions have on the king? How did Daniel live out the I Peter 3 passage? Who might you influence by your character, actions and words?

Let's Talk: Day 215

Daniel & the Four Beasts – The Son of Man's (i.e. Jesus') Coming & His Kingdom

Today's Reading: Daniel 7; Mark 13:21-27; Mark 14:60-65

Today's reading uses pictures to illustrate coming events. Get creative and draw a beast as a family. Each person gets 30 seconds with a pen or marker to add a detail. Keep taking turns until the beast is complete.

Questions:

1. Describe the four beasts from Daniel's vision. Would you be able to go back to sleep after seeing something like that?
2. Describe the throne room where the Ancient of Days sat. What noises do you imagine you would hear there?
3. What do the beasts represent? How is the fourth beast different?
4. To whom are all the kingdoms eventually given? Since we know how the story ends, how should that affect the way we live each day?

Let's Talk: Day 216

Daniel Prays for Jerusalem – 70 Years, 70 Weeks & the Abomination of Desolation

Today's Reading: Daniel 9; Jeremiah 25:8-14; Matthew 24:3-27

Seventy years is a long time. Go to <http://www.brainyhistory.com/years.html> and look at what was happening 70 years ago. What has

been invented and who has lived since then? Imagine spending 70 years in a land that was not your own!

Questions:

1. Daniel spent time confessing sins to God. Did he confess only his own? What else did he confess to God? Have you ever spent time reflecting and then confessing your sins and the sins of the nation to God? If not, take some time today to do so.
2. As Daniel prays, what does he say is the reason so much trouble has happened to Jerusalem? What does Daniel ask God for now? For what are you currently praying?
3. Who appears to Daniel while he is praying? Where else do you see this person?
4. According to Matthew, what are some of the signs that will precede Jesus coming back to earth?

Let's Talk: Day 217

Today's Reading: Weekly day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week's reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse from the week to meditate on or memorize.