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Daniel Series
Main Text

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Rooted
Daniel 4 & 5

Discussion Questions

Belong: Icebreaker

What is your favorite Fall Coffee or Tea Drink? What do you order at Starbucks, Foxtail, or your favorite breakfast diner? When was the last time you tried something new in your coffee or tea?

Welcome to the **"Daniel: Far from Home** series**"**.

Today, we are in week three of a SEVEN-week series through the OT book of Daniel called **Far from Home** – we are **far from home** spiritually and this impacts how we live in this culture.

The world is **complex**. We experience fear and confusion as we look to the future and try to navigate life. ***Follower of Jesus or not***, we can all admit that there is worry about how to live today and prepare for tomorrow.

Concerns about the economy, politics, global relations, our collective morals and values as a culture, anger and division, relationship tensions…from raising kids, watching the news just waiting for the next shoe to drop, another bombshell report affecting everything from gas prices to the price of a hamburger! The rise of AI and the never-ending swirl of technology giving rise to even more worry about the future.

We live in a **complex and confusing** time. We have tons of questions with no easy answers. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will talk about questions like these:

- What's my role in today's constantly shifting culture?
- Can I live boldly for Jesus in my career in the 21st century?
- How should I respond when someone says my Christian views are unloving?
- How do I help my kids engage in a culture without losing them to it?
- Can we engage culture without compromising our faith?

Believe:

Read Daniel 4:1-5

What do you notice about this passage of Scripture first?

What do you remember about Nebuchadnezzar from the story of the fiery furnace?

Hint: "**28** Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside[f] the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. **29** Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way." **30** Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon." Daniel 3:28-30

What does this passage reveal about the king's relationship with God? Why do you think he has drifted away from acknowledging Him?

How would you define "pride"? How can pride show up in our everyday lives?

What moves the king from a place of pride to panic?

Read Daniel 4:6-9

What brings the king a measure of peace? Does this surprise you?

Read Daniel 4:10-18

What vision has the king seen, and what does he ask Daniel to do?

What reputation has Daniel already established in the kingdom of Babylon?

Become:

Read Daniel 4:19-26

How does Daniel respond to the dream?

What does Daniel tell the king his dream means?

How does Daniel refer to God?

Read Daniel 4:27

What does Daniel's advice reveal about God's desire for the king?

Read Daniel 4:28-33

Does the king listen to Daniel's advice and act upon it? What is the result?

*"The king has gone crazy, and his life has descended into the **chaos** that he previously feared so much. A life without roots moves toward chaos.*

Chaos is this state of being out of place, out of order, confusing, and in disarray. A person, or even an ideology, or community not rooted in God always moves towards chaos. Its roots in God that keep our lives strong and secure and healthy." Pastor Trey Hildebrant

Read Daniel 4:34-37

What happens when Nebuchadnezzar finally acknowledges God's authority? What does his restoration teach us about humility and recognizing God's sovereignty?

“What if the invitation of God today was to take a pause in trying to figure out all the complexity of culture, and simply to root in Him? “ Pastor Trey Hildebrant

Where are you most tempted to look for security, control, or stability instead of trusting God?

What is one way you can simply stay rooted in God? Encourage each other this week to stay rooted.

Closing:

- Spend time praying together as a group.
- Listen to the **Between the Lines Podcast** with Pastor Trey and Matt McGee to find out more about the story of Daniel. You can find it on the First Orlando App by clicking on “Experience” and then choose “Podcast” and find First Orlando’s Between the Lines.
- Join us for our **One More Equipping Night** on November 12th at the John Young Campus. This event is for everyone in 6th Grade and older. Tickets are $10 and include dinner and training; https://firstorlando.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/4750/responses/new