

THRIVING DESPITE OUR WINS

Thrive – Part 6 of 8

QUESTION #1: What gets people into trouble when they start succeeding?

1. We get **COMFORTABLE** and complacent in success.

“I, Nebuchadnezzar, was enjoying a time of peace and prosperity in my kingdom and palace. I was taking it easy, without a care in the world!” Daniel 4:4 (TLB/MSG)

“I said to myself ‘Just look at this great city of Babylon that I have created! I, by my own mighty power, have built this beautiful city for my glory. I built it to show my power, my might, my majesty, and my glory!’” Daniel 4:30 (TLB/MSG)

“The LORD detests the proud; they will surely be punished.” Proverbs 16:5 (NLT)

2. We don't pay attention to the **WARNING** signs.

“Here's what you should do: Repent of your sins and start doing what is right. Then begin to show merciful kindness to the poor and oppressed. Then perhaps God will allow you to keep prospering.” Daniel 4:27 (NLT)

3. We put off doing what we know is **RIGHT**.

“Twelve months later, all of what King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed did actually happen to him. He was taking a walk on the flat roof of his royal palace in Babylon. As he looked out across the city, he boasted to himself. . . . As the words were still on his lips, a voice came from heaven, ‘This is what God decrees for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your power is being taken away and you are no longer the ruler of this kingdom! You'll be deposed from the palace, ostracized by everyone, and forced to live with the wild animals. Immediately it all happened.’” Daniel 4:28-33a (NIV/TLB)

QUESTION #2: What are the steps to recovery after you have failed?

1. **LOOK** up to God.

“After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven and my sanity returned.” Daniel 4:34a (NLT)

2. **WAKE UP** to God's greatness and start worshipping.

“My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored The One who lives forever.”

Daniel 4:34b (NLT)

- We get better when we replace **PRIDE** with **PRAISE**

QUESTION #3: What are the things I need to remember about God that stabilize my life whether I am going through success or suffering?

- God's Kingdom will **OUTLAST** everything I do.

“God's rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal!” Daniel 4:34c (NLT)

- God's **APPROVAL** matters more than everyone else's.

“All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him.” Daniel 4:35a (NLT)

- God's **POWER** is absolute.

“He has the power to do whatever he pleases among the angels of heaven and with those who live on earth. No one can stop him or challenge him, or even question what he does... And those who walk in pride he is able to humble”.

Daniel 4:35b, 37 (TLB/NLT)

“When God restored my sanity, he also gave me back my honor and kingdom. All my leaders returned to me, and my kingdom became greater than ever! So now I praise and exalt and glorify the King of Heaven because everything he does is always right and true and fair.” Daniel 4:36 (NLT/NLT)

- God never makes any **MISTAKES**.

3. Tell others how God has rescued and **CHANGED** me.

“King Nebuchadnezzar sent a letter to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world: May you prosper! I want to tell you all about the wonderful miracles that God has done for me!” Daniel 4:1-2 (NLT)