

This week we will see one of the moments where Daniel prophetically interprets a dream, and there are three main points that I want the students to understand.

- His role as a prophet was not fortune-telling like many of us assume. The king was the one who received the dream, and Daniel's role was simply to help the king understand how God was speaking to him. This is a model of prophecy that we can emulate in our own lives. In many ways, it is similar to the account of the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts chapter 8. There are many unbelievers whom God is already speaking to, but who need believers like us to help interpret and understand what God is saying. They may have begun reading Scripture, praying, or even researching Christianity on social media. For friends in this position, we can be like Daniel and help them grow in their understanding of God.
- The second thing we need to understand is that we ought to make bold moves for God. Daniel did not wait or hope that someone else would act to change the situation—he stepped forward. In many ways, we are given moments where we have opportunities to share the gospel or speak biblical truth into the life of a friend, but we hesitate because we feel unprepared or assume there will be another time. In many of these cases, we simply need to be bold and declare the truth of Scripture in the moment.
- Finally, we want the students to understand that they should expect high-stakes interactions as believers. There will be times when standing for God's truth may risk relationships with friends and family, job opportunities, or involvement in social circles and communities we value. In some instances, we may experience outcomes similar to Daniel's and see greater success, but in other cases things may become more difficult. We must be people who are prepared for, and who understand, the reality of high stakes when standing firmly on biblical truth.