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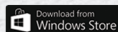
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AMONG THE WRONG PEOPLE AT THE WRONG TIME

Have you ever paid for someone else's mistake? The Bible tells us that King Nebuchadnezzar summoned his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and fortunetellers to tell and interpret his dream, but no one could do it. The King then became furious and ordered not only to kill those who he had summoned, but all wise men.

Because of this the king became indignant and very furious and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. So the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill them. Daniel 2:12-13 (NASB)

WHO YOU KNOW MATTERS

Daniel was in a life or death situation, but he knew exactly what he needed to do and that he could not do it alone.

So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king. Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter, so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Daniel 2: 16-18 (NASB)

Even Jesus the Son of God, knew the importance of having people around Him upon whom He could lean. Sadly, when He needed the disciples' help, He didn't get it.

And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour?..." Matthew 26:40 (NASB)

ONE WORKS, BUT I'LL TAKE TWO PLEASE

I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it but I found no one. Ezekiel 22:30 (NASB)

For God to do a miracle all He needs is one man willing to obey Him, but His plan has never been for one man to work alone. He created us to be a family. In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon gives us a key principle to prevail against our enemies.

And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NASB)

SPREADING PROMOTION

After Daniel revealed the dream and its interpretation the King honored Daniel and His God, but Daniel was not the only one who was exalted. Daniel's friends were also promoted.

Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king's court. Daniel 2:48-49 (NASB)

To thrive in Babylon, Daniel knew he needed his friends. His fight was their fight and his victories were their victories. We cannot fight alone and thrive in our current Babylon. We all need God's people around us.