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WEEK TWO: STRONGER TOGETHER DANIEL 1:17-20, 2:1-30



BAD DREAM, NO POWER

After a startling and confusing dream, King Nebuchadnezzar demanded his wise men to reveal the dream and its interpretation. He wanted to be certain that these men were capable of the supernatural ability they professed and would tell him the truth. Their inability to meet the king's demand became an **opportunity** for continued favor and demonstration of God's power for those who served Him in Babylon.

When Daniel found out what the king wanted, again with bold confidence he took a step of faith.

"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." -Daniel 2:16.

Most who are familiar with the story believe that Daniel simply prayed and **received** the revelation from God. But the next verses state:

**"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 2:17- 18**

SMALL GROUP, BIG POWER

We need each other to endure and overcome the constant pressures and temptations of Babylon.

Here is where we find an incredible key to flourishing in Babylon; **no one can do it alone**. Even the wise, intelligent and gifted need others. To that point, **Daniel had a small group**. Before there was an interpretation of dreams, before the lion's den, before the fiery furnace, there were four young men who spent three years together. Together they:

- ▶ Studied & **learned**
- ▶ Remembered & **prayed**
- ▶ Encouraged & **comforted**

The lesson for us is that **we need each other to endure and overcome the constant pressures and temptations of Babylon.**

THANK YOU FOR US

When Daniel gave God praise for the revelation received, he declared:

"To You, O God of my fathers, I Give thanks and praise, for You have given me wisdom and power; even now You have made known to me what we requested of You, for You have made known to us the king's matter." -Daniel 2:23

Although Daniel delivered the revelation to King Nebuchadnezzar, the manner in which he received it included the **support** of his friends. Contrary to the babel-speak (confusion) of modern-day Babylon that tells us to "go at it alone", the truth of the Kingdom of God tells us to connect with one another.

Reaching the height of your individual potential will not happen in isolation. Together we are exponentially stronger and equipped by God's grace to make Kingdom power known in today's Babylon (Ecclesiastes 4:9, Deuteronomy 32:30, Matthew 18:20, 1 Corinthians 1:10).