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ROAD UNDER REPAIR

THE SIGNS OF LIFE SERMON SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Nebuchadnezzar was a man that God allowed to be powerful, King over Babylon. He was only able to do what God allowed him to do and was successful. While he was in the palace he had a dream that only Daniel could interpret. A tree that was thriving, producing fruit, and benefiting others would be cut down to its stump with the roots remaining in the ground. Daniel revealed that the dream was about King Nebuchadnezzar’s life with the hope of restoration. *Road under repair.*

Certain roads are not closed permanently, but are being repaired. There are some people that God won’t allow to get to you right now because parts of you are being repaired. If they got to you, you could never give them everything that God has in you. So, before He brings them to you, He repairs you. This “Sign of Life” is *road under repair* because although you might have lost some things, God still has time to restore everything concerning you.

THIS WILL BE YOUR RECORD BREAKING YEAR.

Daniel 4:4 NIV - I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, **contented** and **prosperous**.

THE KING DREAMS OF A TREE

- Tall **tree** that **reached the sky**
- Huge **Branches**
- Many **Fruit**
- **Birds** build **nests**
- **Animals rest** under it
- **Everyone benefits from the tree**

HEAVEN ANNOUNCES

Daniel 4:15a NIV - But **let the stump and its roots**, bound with iron and bronze, **remain in the ground, in the grass of the field.**

- While you are being repaired, you are also being restored.

What area of your life is God working on? Are you accepting the change or fighting the process?

YOU ARE UNDER REPAIR.

DANIEL INTERPRETS THE DREAM

THE SET TIME

Daniel 4:25b NIV - Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.

- There is a journey and a process that you must go through. You have to recognize that God is still sovereign.

Have you acknowledged that God is sovereign over your life?

THE WARNING OF THE SIN

Daniel 4:27a NIV - [27] Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right,

- You can do what's right by renouncing the sins to restore your life.

What sin are you struggling to renounce? Why are you having a hard time turning away from it?

THE SINS

Daniel 4:29-30 NIV - [29] Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, [30] he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”

- God is giving you time to repent.
- If you place yourself higher than God, He will remind you of His sovereignty.

What has God allowed you to build and you are taking the credit for it?

Proverbs 16:18 MSG - First pride, then the crash - the bigger the ego, the harder the fall.

- Acknowledge the sin of pride.

Do you wrestle with the spirit of pride?

GOD'S NOT DONE WITH YOU YET.

SIGNS OF THE CUT

HIS POSITION CHANGED

Daniel 4:33b NIV - He was driven away from people.

- Your position of great influence changed.

Has your position changed because of pride?

HIS CIRCLE CHANGED

Daniel 4:25b NIV - and will live with the wild animals:

- Choose your friends carefully because they are a reflection of you.

How long will you surround yourself with people who do not challenge you to be greater?

HIS APPETITE CHANGED

Daniel 4:33c NIV - and ate grass like the ox

- Develop a moral character and devotion to God.

What will it take to make you thirst and hunger after God again?

HIS LOOK CHANGED

Daniel 4:33d NIV - His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

- When you start messing with sin, it leaves a mark on you.

Have you seen a change in your appearance due to the mark of pride?

**GET UP AND GET READY TO SHIFT.
THERE'S SO MUCH IN STORE FOR YOU.**

RESTORATION

1) I GOT MY FOCUS BACK

Daniel 4:34 NIV - At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven,

- Stop looking at yourself, look to God.

2) I GOT MY SANITY BACK

Daniel 4:34b NIV - and my sanity was restored.

- Get your mind back.

3) I GOT MY PRAISE BACK

Daniel 4:34b NIV - and I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

- Look at what God has done and offer God praise.

4) I GOT MY FAVOR BACK

Daniel 4:36b NIV - My advisers and nobles sought me out,

- Your favor will come looking for you.

5) I GOT MY HONOR BACK

Daniel 4:36a NIV - At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor was returned to me for the glory of my kingdom.

- Your praise makes others honor the God in you.

6) I GOT MY KINGDOM BACK

Daniel 4:36b NIV - My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before.

- Your kingdom is the seat you sit in where you have influence. Learn to protect it.

7) I GOT MY THRONE BACK

Daniel 4:36b NIV - I was restored to my throne

- You are being restored to your rightful place.

8) AND BECAME EVEN GREATER

Daniel 4:36 NIV - and became even greater than before.

- Expect greater.

Matthew 6:33 NIV - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

RESTORATION IS A PROCESS.

QUESTION

How will you renounce the sin of pride?

DECLARATION

Today, I renounce the sin of pride and I choose to give God all the Glory out of my life.

PRAYER

Lord, I don't want to live a life of pride and destruction. I never want there to be a blockage between You and me. Help me to identify my sin and to renounce it. Strengthen me to walk away from ungodly soul ties. Restore unto me, my focus, sanity, praise, and favor that I may always honor You in Jesus' name, Amen!