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Daniel 2:26-28 The king asked Daniel (also called Beltshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?" Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but **there is a God in heaven** who reveals mysteries..."

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3 Timeless Truths

1. Trust God; _____.

Key Thought: Keep a _____ hand for a _____ blessing.

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were **all together** in one place. **Suddenly** a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and **filled the whole house** where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

John 8:44-45 “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for **he is a liar** and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, **you do not believe me!**”

Psalm 103:1 Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

2. We need to pray and be full of the _____ and _____.

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John 12:27 “Now my **soul** is troubled, and **what shall I say?** ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, **it was for this very reason** I came to this hour...”

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