

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Daniel found himself living in a culture not unlike ours. It was a world of rapid change, moral compromise, and pressure to conform. He found himself face to face with a series of future-defining decisions: compromise his values or stand for his convictions. His character, courage and convictions resulted in a reliable roadmap for the church today.

Communion → Conviction → Character → Courage → Change

Daniel 2:11-18 (ESV)

Two things you need (before you need them):

- **Good, Godly Friends**
- **A Good Relationship with your Good God**

Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)

Isaiah 54:10 (NLT) Psalm 130:1-7 (ESV)

Rather than allowing my circumstances to determine what I believe about God, I allow what I know to be true about God to determine how I view my circumstances.

Daniel 2:19-49 (ESV)

Do you want/have Good, Godly Friends?

Do you want/have a Good Relationship with your Good God?

If you do: Look for Good opportunities to display God's Goodness!

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) How many close friends do you have? Who would you call in the middle of the night to come help you with something? Who would you call to pray for an urgent need?
- 3) Do you describe your walk with God as *A Good Relationship with your Good God*? Explain.
- 4) Read Psalm 130:1-7. Who do you know that you believe has *A Good Relationship with their Good God*? What makes you think that?
- 5) Share your thoughts: *Rather than allowing my circumstances to determine what I believe about God, I allow what I know to be true about God to determine how I view my circumstances.*
- 6) Do you regularly look for opportunities to display God's Goodness (miracles!)?