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OF THE DREAM

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Background Reading:

- ❖ Proverbs 6:16-19
- ❖ Isaiah 13:11
- ❖ Jeremiah 48:29
 - ❖ 16:18
- ❖ James 4:6
- ❖ Daniel 4:10-18, 19-27

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Daniel 4:33-36

Guided Questions

1. Who was Nebuchadnezzar and what was he noted for?
2. How was Daniel's life involved with the King?
3. What was his dream about?
4. Why did God judge him so harshly?
5. Why does God hate pride?
6. What does pride do to a person?

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Background Reading

Proverbs 6:16-19

16 These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Isaiah 13:11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

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Jeremiah 48:29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

Jeremiah 16:18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

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Background Reading

Daniel 4:10-18

10 Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great.

11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:

12 The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;

14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

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Daniel 4:10-18

15 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

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Background Reading

Daniel 4:19-27

19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;

21 Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

22 It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

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Background Reading

Daniel 4:19-27

23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;

24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

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Daniel 4:19-27

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 4:33-36

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

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Central Verse

Daniel 4:37 (KJV)

“Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and His ways are judgment; and those that walk in pride He is able to abase.”

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INTRODUCTION

Nebuchadnezzar was the chosen king of the Babylonian Empire. After capturing people from Israel, he met the true and living God. Because of this encounter, he was able to recognize the greatness of the God of the Universe. His testimony was that the true and living God is great and mighty and rules over all ([Daniel 4:1-3](#)).

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Nebuchadnezzar learned this lesson the hard way. It all began with a disturbing dream that none of his wise men in Babylon could interpret. After attempts by many of his wise men, Daniel was asked to interpret the King's dream. With God's help, Daniel interpreted the King's dream. Daniel urged the King to confess his sins and do what was right. Daniel was concerned about the King's selfish pride which was causing him to be a harsh leader over his people and center everything around himself. Scripture tells the believer to not think more highly of himself than he ought, but to think soberly ([Romans 12:3](#)). Pride is a very serious sin to God, and Scripture states that God hates the spirit of selfish and prideful people. Believers must learn to refuse proud thoughts, giving God the credit He deserves.

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INTRODUCTION

Proverbs 15:5 lets believers know that pride will destroy them because proud thoughts lead to boastful words and proud actions. When a believer is proud, he takes all the credit himself instead of giving the credit to God, who deserves all the praise, glory, and honor. But King Nebuchadnezzar did not understand that, so he was headed for doom.

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DISCUSSION

Pride is destructive. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble, so, there are consequences for pride, hate, and bitterness. God will turn the tables on His believers when they just can't let go of pride. When pride is present in the heart of a believer, they will resist the guidance of the Holy Spirit and fight against God's will, because it becomes a tug-of-war between the flesh and the spirit.

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DISCUSSION

Failure is more common in life than success. Success is often the result of many failures; God uses trials and pain to purify believers, restore them, and take them to higher places. Success makes people proud of themselves, but failure causes them to become humble and ready to trust God. So, God uses failure to lift the believers up to a place of complete trust in Him.

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DISCUSSION

Humility is the key to divine blessings. But most humans want to feel proud of their accomplishments when they use their God-given talents to accomplish great things. God wants them to have great accomplishments, but He also wants them to know and understand that humility is the best way to go.

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DISCUSSION

King Nebuchadnezzar just would not humble himself like Daniel had encouraged him to do. Even after Daniel told him what the dream was and what it meant, he continued boasting about his accomplishments. Suddenly the King's dream came true: he lost his sanity and his kingdom for seven years. He was no longer the powerful leader who commanded respect from all but he suffered the terrible effects of mental illness. His sinful pride had finally overwhelmed him. Pride is not the believer's friend; it can hurt them, causing them to lose friends and causing people to stop trusting and respecting them. God wants His children to refuse proud thoughts and give Him the credit that He deserves. It is God who has made each person and given each one gifts, abilities, and talents. Believers need to remember that without Christ, we can do nothing, but because of Jesus Christ, we can do all things.

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DISCUSSION

The enemy of God wants believers to become lifted in pride, for he knows that pride is an insult to God. The next time proud thoughts come into the mind of a believer, they must begin to thank God for all that He has done for them, ask God to remind them of His goodness, and praise Him. Believers must not allow pride to overcome them as it overcame Nebuchadnezzar.

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DISCUSSION

Eventually, when the judgment of God was upon him, the King looked to God, and this terrible illness left him. The humbled king began to praise, worship, and honor God. It was sad that God had to put judgment on him before he became humble. God drove him outside of his wonderful palace, away from men, where he was on all fours, eating grass like an ox, his body wet with the dew from heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws. It took seven years before he returned to himself.

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CONCLUSION

The Old Testament shows believers several arrogant kings and other great leaders. It allows believers to read about dangerous battles, murderous plots, giants, and more. But they will see that, despite turbulence in leadership, strong enemies, and spiritual decay, God is very much at work, orchestrating the fall of the proud and the rise of the humble.

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CONCLUSION

Pride is the enemy's weapon to stagnate your purpose. Pride isolates and causes a person to wither away in the wilderness. Pride will delay a person's promise and will keep them in generational bondage. Pride is the precursor to destruction and is the enemy's weapon to keep people in cycles. But God can lead and soften anyone's heart as they read and receive a transformative message from His Word.

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**Pride goes before destruction and a haughty
spirit before a fall.**

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