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Daniel 4

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1. You can have ____ and yet lack _____.
2. _____ will keep you from the Lord.
3. You cannot expect God to wear a _____ if you are wearing one _____.
4. There is no ____-_____ with God.
5. God _____ have His way.

C.S. Lewis

"The first demand any work of art makes upon us is to surrender. Look. Listen. Receive. Get yourself out of the way."

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Sermon Talks

1. Read Daniel 4 as you prepare to work through the sermon talks.
2. In what ways is King Nebuchadnezzar's story a lot like our story?
3. How is it possible to have it all yet lack everything? Other than King Nebuchadnezzar's story, can you think of another example of this?
4. What specific sins does Daniel advise the king to repent of in verse 27? How does that compare to what you struggle with?
5. In verse 29, we see that God allowed a year to pass before the interpretation of the dream became reality. What does this show us about God's timing and His desire to show mercy?
6. Read 1 John 2:16 and notice the three ways the character of the world expresses itself. Do you struggle in any of these areas? What does Daniel 4 teach us about "the pride of life," particularly when we are successful or feel we have built our own "Babylon" (v. 30)?
7. Read and discuss Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 16:18, Matthew 23:12, and James 4:6.
8. Read Romans 2:23, Romans 6:23, and 1 John 1:9. What do these verses say about our nature and sin? What does God desire of us regarding our sin and how will He respond (1 John 1:9)?
9. Have you come to a place of complete surrender? If not, what must you do to get there?
10. Take some time to think about your journey to Jesus. How did the Lord pursue you? If you are in a group, have people share their stories of coming to Jesus.
11. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer. Begin by praising God for who He is and what He has done in your life.
12. As you pray, focus on pride. Ask the Lord to reveal to areas of your life where pride is evident. Confess them to Him and receive His forgiveness.