



Introduction to “Able to Humble”

Isn't it great when we can learn life lessons without having to "bottom out?" Isn't it hard when we can't? Unfortunately the latter will be the case for the King of Babylon! Daniel chapter 4 is the last in a series of stories involving King Nebuchadnezzar. Amazingly, by the end of his life the King was able to testify to the glory of God Most High. But, it took some serious intervention on God's part in order to get him there. In this chapter the King has another dream. Daniel interprets it for him again. The King refuses to heed Daniel's interpretation. It is only in the King's humiliation that reason returns to him. Through the process of being humbled the King is able to enter into a real relationship with God. He discovers what it means to live in submission to God's authority, greater kingdom, and live according to God's grace.

Daniel Series Objectives:

Head: To understand the Book of Daniel.

Heart: To face hardship with courage.

Hands: To make choices that glorify God.

Part 4: Able to Humble

Text: Daniel 4

Big Idea: God's glory is enjoyed by walking on the paths of His grace.

From the Sermon (add your own notes here):

1. God's holiness is displayed through our humanness.
2. The troubles in our hearts alarm us to God's truth.
3. We need Godly people watching over our hearts.
4. God humbles us because he wants more for us.
5. Our lives are restored as we return to God.

Getting Started

Spend a few minutes reflecting on the past week together.

What has been one of your favorite experiences or memories out in the glory of God's creation?

Share a time when your "pride" got the best of you and you maybe had to eat a piece of "humble pie."

Digging Deeper

How is pride (ego, the flesh, self-conceit) connected to all other sin?

What indications do we have in this text that Nebuchadnezzar's worship is genuine?

Describe a time when God has troubled your heart to get your attention. How did you respond?

Why is speaking the truth in love often so hard? How does Daniel model this act of grace?

How does Nebuchadnezzar resemble Adam and Eve? How is God's response to the king similar to his response to our first parents?

How can someone who experiences great success in this world, like Nebuchadnezzar, remain humble?

Why is it not arrogant of God to humble everyone whose pride threatens his glory?

What is God showing Nebuchadnezzar in making him animal-like?

How could Nebuchadnezzar have used his kingdom to honor God instead of trying to steal glory from God?

Live It Out

Pray: Reread 4:2-3. Take some time praising God in his greatness, for specific ways He has revealed himself to you.

Confess: Are there any areas of life, any relationships, where you are filled with pride? Confess it and rest in God's grace through Christ.

Act: How can you use your gifts, talents, and successes to serve God? How does Jesus model how to handle greatness? How has he used his power to serve others?