



DAILY TRIUMPH

Week 4

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Introduction

Welcome to the Study Guide for our series in Daniel called Daily Triumph. We are committed as a church to something we call "Integrated Bible and Prayer Engagement," and each week our Study Guide will reflect that commitment. This means we have the opportunity to engage in studying the Bible and praying in an integrated fashion. We engage and pray in a setting by ourselves through our Personal Time section. We engage and pray in a setting in our home through our Table Conversation section. We engage and pray in a setting in our groups through our In Community section. Then, we engage and pray in a setting at our campus through our worship service where we can record things God is showing us in the Notes section. These four opportunities create integrated Bible and prayer engagement, and they help God's Word take deeper and deeper root into our hearts and lives.

Personal Time

READ DANIEL 4

What stood out to you from this passage? Why?

READ DANIEL 4:1-18

How do you think King Nebuchadnezzar's vision affected him?

READ DANIEL 4:19-27

Daniel chose to go boldly before the king with his interpretation of the king's dream, but he expressed the interpretation with great humility and meekness. Why does God ask us to minister to others with both boldness and humility? Give an example of how this might look.

Personal Time Continued...

READ DANIEL 4:34-37

God disciplines us because he loves us. Share a time when you felt God was disciplining you. How did you respond?

PRAY

During his time in exile, Daniel remained confident of God's guidance and protection of his life. Ask God to give you wisdom and courage like Daniel to speak out in love and humility to the needs of others in your life. Try to pray for specific circumstances and people you might encounter today.

Table Conversation

DISCUSS

Use these prompts to spark a series of table conversations this week, or cover them all in one sitting, whatever works best for your family.

READ AND DISCUSS

- Read Daniel 4:2-3. What role does thankfulness play in our witness? For what can you openly praise God, and who may be impacted by your praise?
- Read Daniel 4:18. Do you think Daniel was tempted to gloat in the unique abilities God had given him? How would this have affected the way others viewed Daniel?
- Read Daniel 4:30, 33-35. Compare King Nebuchadnezzar's description of his own kingdom to his description of God's kingdom. What personal accomplishments tempt you to boast? How can you shift your focus to God's greatness?
- Read Daniel 4:37. What can we learn about God from this scripture?

PRAY

Give thanks for what you learned about God from this discussion. Confess your areas of pride and read aloud the king's poem of praise in v. 34-35.

In Community

READ

READ Daniel 4:1 – 37

DISCUSS

- Share an observation from your Personal Time on this chapter.
- What character traits and qualities did Daniel display in his ministry to King Nebuchadnezzar?
How did these challenge you or encourage you?
- We become proud and arrogant when we see ourselves as self-made or invincible. When pride has crept into your life, what caused you to regain the right perspective?
- We all have had situations where we needed to say something others did not want to hear. What did you learn from Daniel to help you “speak truth in love” to people in your life?
- What is your biggest takeaway from your integrated Bible and prayer engagement with Daniel 4?

PRAY

Ask God to give you and others in your church opportunities this week to speak his truths in love to neighbors in your lives. Pray for specific opportunities and neighbors by name.

Notes