

THE MESSAGE

Daniel: What do you do when life doesn't turn out like you planned?

Mark Pickerill

Daniel 1: 1-21

¹During the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²The Lord gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah and permitted him to take some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God. So Nebuchadnezzar took them back to the land of Babylonia and placed them in the treasure-house of his god. ³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. ⁴"Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men," he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon." ⁵The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service.

⁶Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. ⁷The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego. ⁸But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods. ⁹Now God had given the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel. ¹⁰But he responded, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has ordered that you eat this food and wine. If you become pale and thin compared to the other youths your age, I am afraid the king will have me beheaded."

¹¹Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ¹²"Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water," Daniel said. ¹³"At the end of the ten days, see how we look compared to the other young men who are eating the king's food. Then make your decision in light of what you see." ¹⁴The attendant agreed to Daniel's suggestion and tested them for ten days.

¹⁵At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished

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than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. ¹⁶So after that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the others.

¹⁷God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom. And God gave Daniel the special ability to interpret the meanings of visions and dreams.

¹⁸When the training period ordered by the king was completed, the chief of staff brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. ²⁰Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom.

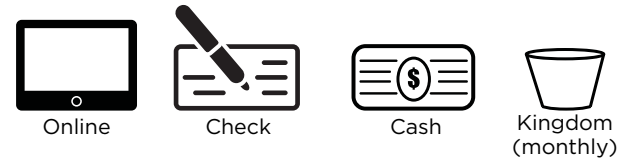
²¹Daniel remained in the royal service until the first year of the reign of King Cyrus.

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- Men | Women | Fusion 18-35yrs | Life Groups**
- CA Students (6th-12th) | Kids Church**
- Thrive Growth & Recovery**
- Counseling at The Relationship Center**
- Kingdom & Evangelism**

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Financial Update

2017 General Budget: **\$6,200,000**

YTD 5.31.17 - Requirement: **\$2,503,846**

YTD 5.31.17 - Offering: **\$2,734,685**

May Kingdom (Blue Bucket) Offering: **\$ 16,963**

YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$238,462**

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July 8 & 9, 2017

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We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convinced and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

Enjoy the service!

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Co-Lead Pastors

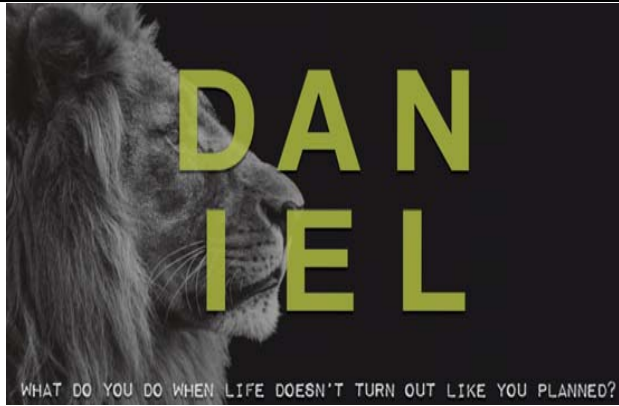
NEW?

■ We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **New People's Table** in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.

■ There is a **Connection Card** in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the offering bag or at the New People's Table.

■ If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. Just ask an usher!

INFORMATION



Join us next weekend as we continue in this teaching series on the book of Daniel and learn how God is always at work even in times of suffering.



Help bring Christmas cheer to our international partners. Ornaments available on the tree in the lobby. Please return all gifts by July 30.



Our Kids Church program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit cakidschurch.com



Do you have junior or senior high school-aged kids? We offer programs for junior high (grades 678) Saturdays at 6pm and high school Wednesdays at 7pm. More information at castudents.com

OPPORTUNITIES

Register Now!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 17-20
6:30-8:30PM

KIDS AGE 4-COMPLETED 5TH GRADE



\$30 PER CHILD

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids Church Summer Meet-Ups

Let's go see **Despicable Me 3 on Thursday July 13!** We're going to see the movie in the 10am hour at the Americana in Glendale. Check our website this week for exact showtime. Please buy your own tickets and meet us there! cakidschurch.com/summer

Thrive Summer Seminar

Thrive, our Growth & Recovery, ministry is hosting a seminar, **Hearing God's Voice: Listening to Immanuel.** Learn valuable tools in hearing God's voice and experiencing freedom, joy, and intimacy in your relationship with God. **Thursday, July 20, 7pm.** Register at cachurch.com/summerofthrive

Starting Point

Are you new to this church family or to faith? We invite you to join Starting Point, a class to help you grow deeper with Jesus and with others. **One-day class. July 29, Saturday 9am-1pm in Rm 30.** For more info and to register: cachurch.com/startingpoint

CA Internship

Our volunteer internship program is designed to help you gain experience and discover if God is calling you to vocational ministry. **Applications are due Aug 1.** Find more info and download an application at cachurch.com/internships

Kids Church 345 Position

We're hiring! Kids Church is looking for a **345 Male Part-Time Staff Member.** Please send resumes to kidschurch@cachurch.com. For more info and job description: cachurch.com/jobs

CA Students 678 Camp

Our CA Students 678 Camp is happening this coming week so please pray for our students and leaders as they head to Hume San Diego.