

THE MESSAGE

Daniel: What do you do when life doesn't turn out like you planned? P2

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Daniel 2:1-35

¹One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had such disturbing dreams that he couldn't sleep. ²He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood before the king, ³he said, "I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means."

⁴Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, "Long live the king! Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means."

⁵But the king said to the astrologers, "I am serious about this. If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble! ⁶But if you tell me what I dreamed and what the dream means, I will give you many wonderful gifts and honors. Just tell me the dream and what it means!"

⁷They said again, "Please, Your Majesty. Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means."

⁸The king replied, "I know what you are doing! You're stalling for time because you know I am serious when I say, ⁹'If you don't tell me the dream, you are doomed.' So you have conspired to tell me lies, hoping I will change my mind. But tell me the dream, and then I'll know that you can tell me what it means."

¹⁰The astrologers replied to the king, "No one on earth can tell the king his dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer! ¹¹The king's demand is impossible. No one except the gods can tell you your dream, and they do not live here among people."

¹²The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed. ¹³And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends.

¹⁴When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion. ¹⁵He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened. ¹⁶Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant. ¹⁷Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. ¹⁸He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them

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the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. ²⁰He said, "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. ²¹He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. ²²He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light. ²³I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for you have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what we asked of you and revealed to us what the king demanded."

²⁴Then Daniel went in to see Arioch, whom the king had ordered to execute the wise men of Babylon. Daniel said to him, "Don't kill the wise men. Take me to the king, and I will tell him the meaning of his dream." ²⁵Arioch quickly took Daniel to the king and said, "I have found one of the captives from Judah who will tell the king the meaning of his dream!" ²⁶The king said to Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar), "Is this true? Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?" ²⁷Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. ²⁸But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you your dream and the visions you saw as you lay on your bed.

²⁹"While Your Majesty was sleeping, you dreamed about coming events. He who reveals secrets has shown you what is going to happen. ³⁰And it is not because I am wiser than anyone else that I know the secret of your dream, but because God wants you to understand what was in your heart.

³¹"In your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight. ³²The head of the statue was made of fine gold. Its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, ³³its legs were iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and baked clay. ³⁴As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. ³⁵The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.

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Thrive Growth & Recovery
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Kingdom & Evangelism

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Kingdom (monthly)

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Financial Update

2017 General Budget:

\$6,200,000

YTD 6.30.17 - Requirement:

\$2,980,769

YTD 6.30.17 - Offering:

\$3,279,406

June Kingdom (Blue Bucket) Offering: **\$35,869**

YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$297,590**



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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.

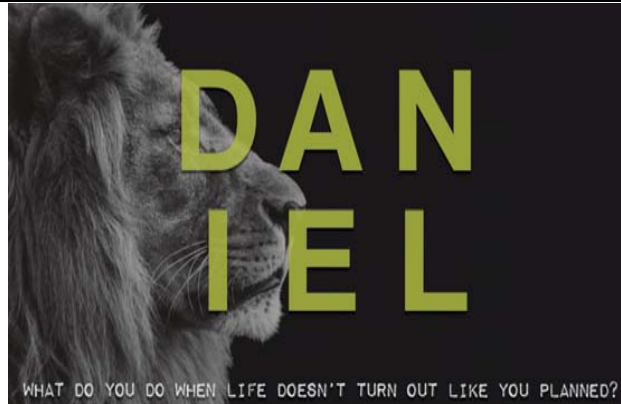
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Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill
Co-Lead Pastors

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!

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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.



kids church

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

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OPPORTUNITIES

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A One-Night Seminar
Hearing God's Voice
Listening to Immanuel
Come learn a simple way to experience greater intimacy with God
Led by: John Loppnow, Pastor and Author, & Sungshim Loppnow, MFT
July 20 at 7pm
More info and registration at cachurch.com/summerofthrive
Sorry, no childcare provided

UPCOMING EVENTS

KC Summer Fun Weekend

Summer is coming to a close and we want to end it with a bang! **Kids Church at all weekend services on Aug 12/13**, kids will have summer-camp style fun. Invite a friend and come prepared for lots of outdoor activities. You won't want to miss it!
cakidschurch.com/summerfun

Christmas in July

We are collecting Christmas gifts to be sent to our international leaders all over the world. And we're doing this in July because it can take months for gifts to arrive. To participate, pick up an ornament from the tree in the lobby, purchase the requested gift and **return it to the CA lobby by July 30.**

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

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