



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | You find favor when you are *FOUND FAITHFUL*.

Daniel 2:44-45 (NLT)

⁴⁴ “During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever. ⁴⁵ That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain, though not by human hands, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. The great God was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain.”

How to faithfully respond to God’s sovereignty:

Pursue community

Daniel 2:14-17 (NLT)

¹⁴ When Arioch, the commander of the king’s guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion. ¹⁵ He asked Arioch, “Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?” So Arioch told him all that had happened. ¹⁶ Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant.

¹⁷ Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened.

Pray to God

Daniel 2:18 (NLT)

¹⁸ He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon.

Community and prayer should be our *FIRST RESPONSE*, not our last resort.

Praise God

Daniel 2:19-23 (NLT)

¹⁹ That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. ²⁰ He said,

“Praise the name of God forever and ever,
for he has all wisdom and power.

²¹ He 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.

²² He reveals deep and mysterious things
and knows what lies hidden in darkness,
though he is surrounded by light.

²³ I 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.”

Put your gifts into action

Daniel 2:25-30 (NLT)

²⁵ Arioch 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!"

²⁶ The king said to Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar), "Is this true? Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?"

²⁷ Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. ²⁸ But 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. ³⁰ And 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."

Daniel 2:47-49 (NLT)

⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret."

⁴⁸ Then the king appointed Daniel to a high position and gave him many valuable gifts. He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, as well as chief over all his wise men. ⁴⁹ At Daniel's request, the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be in charge of all the affairs of the province of Babylon, while Daniel remained in the king's court.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Groups Questions

1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?
2. How do we declare that God is in control?
3. Read Daniel 2:14-17. When you are facing something challenging, do you seek community first? Who is your community? How does having community help you during a challenging time?
4. Read Daniel 2:25-30 & 2:47-49. How do you use your gifts? Where do you struggle using your gifts? What's stopping you from using your gifts?
5. Where can you let go of focusing on yourself and what you might lose and, instead, focus on God's kingdom?
6. How do we help each other to pursue God and encourage one another to Know, Grow, and Go?