

Grandiose Thinking

Daniel 4:19-33

When we are caught up in our sins, it's common for us to deny the truth about our situation with grandiose thinking. We may believe that we're above it all, a god unto ourselves, accountable to no one.

In his day, Nebuchadnezzar, king of ancient Babylon, was the most powerful ruler on earth. He believed he was a god and demanded to be worshiped. Through Daniel God said to him, "This is . . . what the Most High has declared will happen to [you]. You will be driven from human society, and you will live in the fields with the wild animals . . . until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses" (Daniel 4:24-25). This happened just as Daniel had predicted. At the end of the king's time in exile, he said, "I . . . looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever. . . . When my sanity returned to me, so did my honor and glory and kingdom . . . with even greater honor than before. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble the proud" (Daniel 4:34, 36-37).

We are not God; we are accountable to God - a higher power. This higher power can remedy our "madness" and restore our lives to be even better than they were before our season of "insanity." God will do so if we entrust our lives to him.

Trust in God

Daniel 4:18-27

Nebuchadnezzar's dream was interpreted by Daniel (Belteshazzar) through the wisdom given by God's Spirit. The king's tragic breakdown would soon take place unless he made some drastic changes in his life. Similarly, we may be heading for a humbling experience if we continue to think we are in control of our lives. Recovery is dependent on trust in God and obedience to His will for us.

Learn from God

Daniel 4:28-37

Even after a warning, Nebuchadnezzar did not change his lifestyle and give God the credit for his power. The result was seven years of humiliating insanity. But God restored Nebuchadnezzar to the throne when the king turned toward heaven for deliverance. Nebuchadnezzar praised and honored God; he didn't curse him for his many years of madness. If we experience a painful setback, God is giving us a chance to change our ways. God will remove our suffering when we have learned the lessons he wants to teach us.

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Ghana West Africa Water Project

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Bible Quiz

1. In which book of the bible is it recorded that a census of all the Israelite people was taken?
2. From whom were the Edomites descended?
3. Who received a vision on the island of Patmos?
4. Who put Joseph (son of Jacob) into jail?
5. How many Marys are recorded in the NT?
6. Who landed on Malta after a shipwreck?
7. What is the term for "a convert"?

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	10:00 am	Bible Study	At the building and live stream
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship	At the building and live stream
Wednesday	10:30 am	Senior Breakfast	At Perkins
Wednesday	7:00 pm	1st Wed – singing 2nd Wed – Bible study 3rd Wed – Bible study 4th Wed – Service Project:	At the building

Order of Service

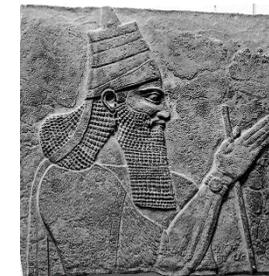
Song - Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down	Song – God Is So Good (83)
Song – We Will Glorify (578)	Song – I Exalt Thee (62)
Opening Prayer	Offering
Song – I Love You Lord (779)	Pew Packers
Song – Jesus, Name Above All Names (221)	Lesson – Andy Burns
Song – Highly Exalted	Song – There is A Place of Quiet Rest (477)
Lord's Supper Celebration	Announcements
	Dismissal Prayer

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Nebuchadnezzar

Nebuchadnezzar was one of the greatest conquerors in the history of the world. He dominated the people of many nations, including Judah. He possessed power, fame, wealth, and influence. At one point, he even considered himself a god. But like so many others, he lacked one thing he needed the most - peace. His insecurities would not him to be at peace with himself. So how could he be at peace others? He was unhappy with himself and hostile toward the people around him.



Nebuchadnezzar never truly discovered the peace that could have found had he recognized his powerlessness and surrendered his life to God. Daniel and his friends were good examples of how success and peace could be found through complete dependence on God and surrender to his will. After Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked out of the fiery furnace unscathed, Nebuchadnezzar realized that he had been thwarted by a higher power. He also saw that the three friends, by turning their lives over to God, had far greater power at their disposal than even he had. Despite his recognition of God's power, however, the king still remained proud.

Sadly, it seems that Nebuchadnezzar never truly understood the nature of submission to God. He saw God act in the lives of others and even in his own life. He clearly believed in God's presence and power. Yet he could not seem to put his life into God's hands on a permanent basis. Though he may have experienced religious conviction, it seems that he never experienced spiritual conversion and lasting transformation

Just for Today the Choice is Mine

Just for today I shall be unafraid. Particularly, I shall be unafraid to be happy, to enjoy what is good, what is beautiful, and what is lovely in life.

Announcements

- Jeanne Edward’s new address is: 885 Lomax St., Apt 4104, Idaho Falls ID 83401
- Bobbie Knight would appreciate cards & letters. You can text or talk thru the ‘GettingOut’ app, or you can send letters to:

Bonneville County Jail
Bobbie Knight ID # 2815
P.O. Box 2966, PMB 35803
San Antonio, TX 78299-2966
- Bulletin Updates: please email to bob_queenan@yahoo.com or text 208-403-3547.

Calendar

Feb 19th Senior Breakfast 10:30 am at the building – all seniors, pre-seniors, and caregivers are invited!

Prayers and Praise

- Congratulations to Kristen & Charlie, expecting a baby this summer!!
- Pray for Brenda’s father James, recovering from pneumonia.
- Pray for Kay’s nephew Jeremy, home from the ICU but undergoing physical therapy.
- Pray for our school kids, coping with changing circumstances.
- Pray for Brenda & Gene, sheltering at home.
- Pray for Will & Jeri, sheltering at home.
- Pray for Caleb, training at AIM through March and then serving the Lord in Arlington, Texas.
- Pray for Harry & Barb’s daughter Crystal, for encouragement.
- Pray for Harry, coping with medical issues.
- Pray for Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- Pray for Jordan and Thomas, serving in the armed forces.
- Pray for our widows: Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Millie & Carolyn.

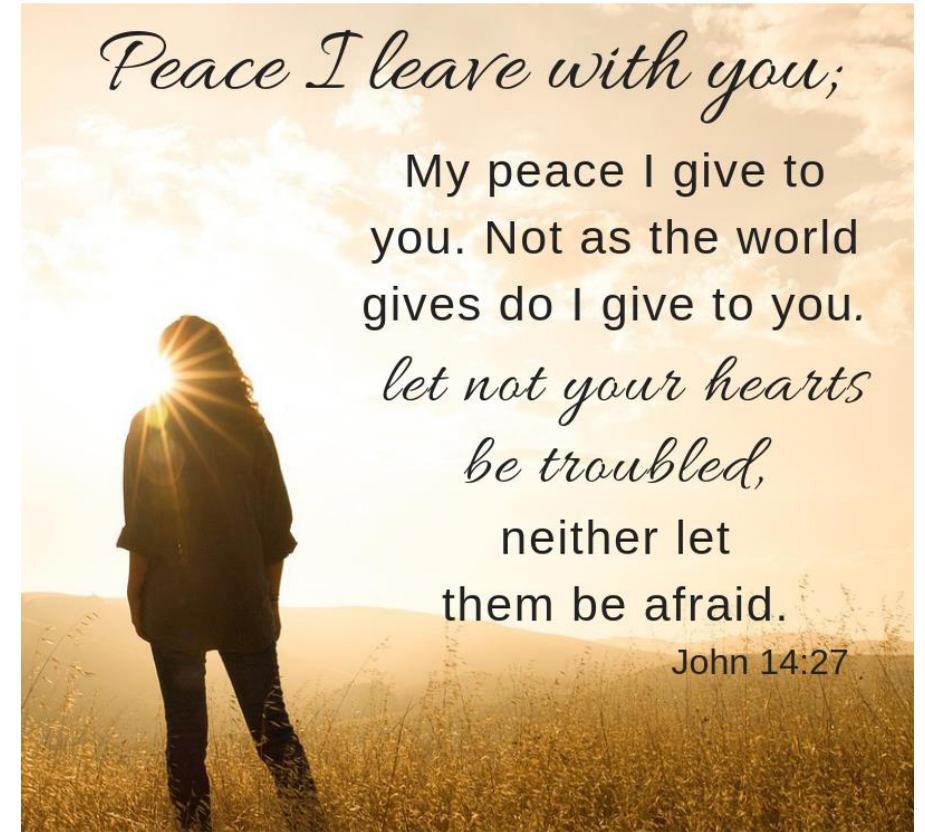
Bible Quiz Answers

- Numbers (Num 26:2-64)
- Esau (Gen 36:9)
- John (Rev 1:9)
- Potiphar (Gen 39:1,20)
- Six – Jesus’ mother (Matt 1:16), Cleopas’ wife (John 19:25), Mary Magdalene (Matt 27:56, 61), sister of Lazarus (John 11:1-2), Mark’s mother (Acts 12:12-17) and a disciple in Rome (Rom 16:6)
- Paul (Acts 28:1-8)
- Proselyte

The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

Welcome!

We’re a bible-based and non-denominational congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls to praise and worship the one God. All are welcome! Please join us in our worship services and classes.



Peace I leave with you;

My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.

let not your hearts be troubled,

neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27

Meditation for the Day

I will sometimes go aside into a quiet place of retreat with God. In that place, I will find restoration and healing and power. I will plan quiet times now and then, times when I will commune with God and arise rested and refreshed to carry on the work which God has given me to do. I know that God will never give me a load greater than I can bear. It is in serenity and peace that all true success lies.

I pray that I may strengthen my inner life, so that I may find serenity. I pray that my soul may be restored in quietness and peace.