



TIME OUT DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Daily Words of Encouragement

FROM YOUR TNAZ PASTORAL LEADERS

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Daniel 2:20–22 (NRSV)

²⁰Daniel said: “Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his.

²¹He changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

²²He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with him.

True Wisdom

Most of us know the story of how Daniel, living in exile in Babylon, interpreted the dreams of King Nebuchadnezzar when no one else could. He, along with Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (whom we also know as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego), were selected from among the captives from Jerusalem to live set apart for the king’s court. Unlike the others selected, those four refused to partake in the comforts the king offered, choosing instead to find his strength in the Lord’s provision, and only eating the minimum necessary to live. As Daniel recounts the dream and its interpretation for Nebuchadnezzar, he at the outset, declares the sovereignty and glory of God the Father. Daniel makes it very clear that the interpretation itself can only come from the LORD. At the same time, and in a not subtle way, Daniel reinforced to the king that the Father’s power was greater than any earthly king, magician, enchanter, sorcerer, or other person.

This passage reminds us that no principality, power, or anything else in all creation can ever overpower the living God who created us. No political party, educational institution, or even a church can match the wisdom and provision of our Heavenly Father. He is the one who orders our steps and sets the world in motion. Education is important and prepares us for the calling which God had ordained for our lives. Ultimately, though, true wisdom only comes from seeking God daily, trusting in Christ, and pursuing kingdom priorities. This is what ultimately prepares us for the work in the mission field.

Do you want to know how to get started? Pick up a bible, and dive into God’s word. Pray that Holy Spirit will set upon you the wisdom to pursue things which reflect the Father’s glory to a dying world. Share the Good news of Jesus with your neighbors and friends. Get into a bible study and discover the world within the text. Those are the things which show our commitment to true wisdom. Scripture reminds us of the importance of this commitment. *Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God,” (Luke 9:62 NRSV).*

Friends, is it time for you to take that next step to seeking true wisdom? If so, Jesus is ready to walk this journey with you. Your TNAZ pastoral team is available to help you take the next step!

In joy,
Dustin