

THE MESSAGE

Daniel: What do you do when life doesn't turn out like you planned? **P5**

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Daniel 4:1-37 - King Nebuchadnezzar, To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly! ²It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. ³How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

⁴I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. ⁵I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me...¹⁰These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. ¹¹The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. ¹²Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the wild animals found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed.

¹³In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. ¹⁴He called in a loud voice: 'Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field. "Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him live with the animals among the plants of the earth. ¹⁶Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let him be given the mind of an animal, till seven times pass by for him.

¹⁷"The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of people.'

¹⁸"This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. Now, Belteshazzar, tell me what it means, for none of the wise men in my kingdom can interpret it for me. But you can, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

¹⁹Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him. So the king said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you." Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries! ²⁰The tree you saw, which grew large and strong, with its top touching the sky, visible to the whole earth, ²¹with beautiful leaves and abundant fruit, providing food for all, giving shelter to the wild animals, and having nesting places in its branches for the birds— ²²Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth.

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²³"Your Majesty saw a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump, bound with iron and bronze, in the grass of the field, while its roots remain in the ground. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven; let him live with the wild animals, until seven times pass by for him.'

²⁴"This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: ²⁵You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. ²⁶The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue."

²⁸All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar.

²⁹Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" ³¹Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³²You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes."

³³Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

³⁴At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. ³⁵All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"

³⁶At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. ³⁷Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

MINISTRIES

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CA Students (6th-12th) | Kids Church

Thrive Growth & Recovery

Counseling at The Relationship Center

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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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.

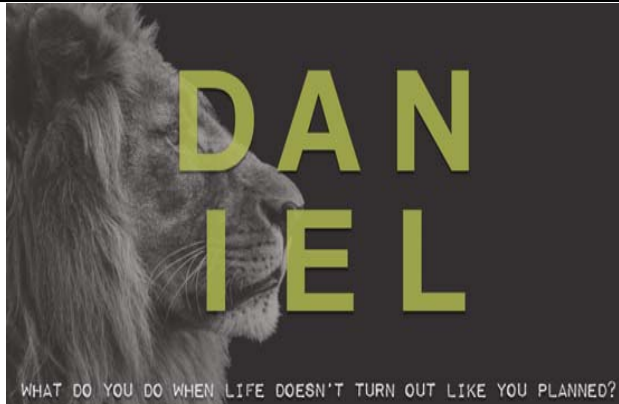
Enjoy the service!

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!

INFORMATION



WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN LIFE DOESN'T TURN OUT LIKE YOU PLANNED?

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.



Attention all incoming 6th graders & parents! Come for a special night of fun. See what 678 is all about and what to expect during your students upcoming years with us.



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



Our junior high (grades 678) and high school programs are currently on summer hiatus. **Program will resume for high school on Wednesday, Aug 23 at 7pm and junior high on Saturday, Aug 26 at 6pm.** For more info visit castudents.com

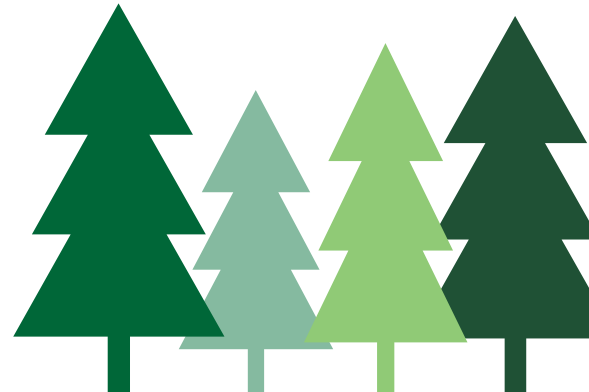
OPPORTUNITIES



During our regular Kids Church time, we will be hosting camp-style themed games and activities from toddlers up through 5th grade.

INVITE A FRIEND!

cakidschurch.com/summerfun



UPCOMING EVENTS

Life Group Fair

Join us for our Life Group Fair after all weekend services on **Aug 26/27**. Learn more about life groups, meet some life group leaders, and enjoy free snacks and drinks. We'll be ending services 30 minutes early so you can join us for the fair! Location: Church Park (south side) Questions? Email getconnected@cachurch.com

Baptism

Our next Baptism weekend is Sept 9/10. If you've decided to trust Jesus with your life and to follow him, we encourage you to proclaim your decision through baptism. **There will be a mandatory class on Aug 20 at 1pm in Rm 100.** For more info visit: cachurch.com/baptism

Thrive Summer Seminar

Thrive, our Growth & Recovery ministry is hosting a seminar on **Blended Families** on **Thursday, Aug 24**. Join Bill & Jenn Watson who have been a blended family for 34 years with six kids as they share the challenges and what they have learned. Childcare is available but **register by Aug 20**. cachurch.com/summerofthrive

Conversations About Jesus

Join the conversation, **Thursday nights on Aug 3-24 at Lucky Baldwins** in Old Town Pasadena. It's a great place to bring questions. Dinner and drinks will be available to purchase. No need to sign up, just come by **at 7pm**.

Taking Back Ground

Taking Back Ground is a Thrive Group that equips men struggling with same sex attraction to walk in freedom and hope. If you need support or want more info, please email takingbackground@cachurch.com