

Learning to See in the Dark

Part 5: "The Daniel Challenge"

1. Unity in Jesus' church is of greater value than current election results.

John 17:20-23 I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me...and have loved them even as you have loved me.

2. Peter shares insights on how to relate to governments we deem evil.

1 Peter 2:11-15 Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. For the Lord's sake, respect all human authority—whether the king as head of state, or the officials he has appointed. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.

3. Personal pain on any level and for any reason is painful.

1 Peter 4:12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 19 So then, those who suffer according to God's will commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

4. Peter gives us four things, to be sure to do, during dark days.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 8 Watch out and be alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, because you know that your fellow believers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

A. Humble yourself - 6

B. Give your anxiety to God - 7

C. Be careful and aware - 8

D. You are not in this alone - 9

5. Please take the "Daniel Challenge" with me today. Daniel 1:8-16

1 Timothy 2:1-3 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives. This is good and pleases God our Savior.