



Daniel

Chapter 5

“The Handwriting’s on the Wall”



Message by Pastor Jeff 12-4-16
Message Based Questions to help your personal Study & LifeGroup Discussions


 **CONNECTING:** *Connecting to one another with a warm up question or through worship.*

Think of a person in your life like Daniel—whose life has been an example to you? Take some time to thank God for that person’s role in your life.

Fun exercise:

How would you interpret the following words on a wall:

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 **EXPLORING IT:** *Review the sermon outline and explore the message by using the following Q’s which will help you dig in a little deeper and make sure you get the message.*

*The mission of the church is to transform the world through the life-changing message of Jesus for the glory of God.
By loving God, loving God’s people and then loving the world.*

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How do you think your friends and family describe you to others when you’re not around?

Which actions and attitudes do you think would have provoked God’s anger? What characteristics would you describe these folks at the party, especially the king?

What were your thoughts about this chapter as you read it knowing they were under siege? What does this teach you?

What is the significance of the hand? How would you have reacted to this if you were there?

So far Daniel has recorded the failure of the “wise men” of Babylon three times in first five chapters—what do you think Daniel is trying to teach us?

Why do you think Daniel reminded Belshazzar of how God dealt with Nebuchadnezzar?

What areas might you be tempted to be proud and arrogant?

How can you become more humble and thankful to God?


How should one live in order to have a reputation like Daniel’s or like the people discussed in warm up?

Do you think Belshazzar repented of his ways before he died? Is there any sin that you need to repent of?

What can we learn about how the party can end so suddenly?

If God were to write a message on the wall for you—what would it say?

What are things from the message and this discussion that God has revealed to you? How can we pray for you?

 **PRAY IT:** *Now that you have connected, explored and applied it—it is now time to tap into the power of prayer individually throughout the week as well as corporately praying for one another. Perhaps by sharing the real life challenges and blessings with one another this will help people see what God can do in their lives and will lead them into a plan of action.*

The Lessons For Us-From Pastor Jeff's Message

1. Successful nations need to beware
2. Address the mess in your life
3. Never underestimate the power of a Godly life
4. Don't neglect passages about Gods judgment

Just a few thoughts of what I keep hearing and learning throughout these first several chapters of Daniel:



1. I am choosing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit and remember who's in charge—which makes me more humble
2. I am going to strive to be a learner—which also makes me more humble
 - a. One of my favorite saying of all times is “When you're green, you're growing. When you're ripe, you begin to rot.” So let's keep learning together.
3. I am choosing to be motivated by God's Omnipotence and Omnipresence—which strangely enough make me even more humble

Keep Pressing On!

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