

“Get to the place where the matter of what you believe, who you trust, and how you’re going to live is 100% settled.”

PULPIT CURRICULUM

I’M NOT SMARTER THAN GOD DANIEL 3

Game Changers, pt 3

1. REVIEW

Describe a time when God used His Word to prove He’s smarter than you. _____

Read Daniel 1:3-21. This passage describes Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego being brought to Babylon and one of their first stands for the Lord. What similarities are there between this passage and the one from the message (Daniel 3)? What pattern do you see when these men are told to disobey God?

Read Daniel 3:16-18. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are demonstrating that they know they aren’t smarter than God. They are settled in their faith and obedience – trusting God no matter what He chooses to do. When are you most tempted to make God “prove himself” – to trust Him only if He does what you want Him to do? _____

2. ASSESS

You might think you’re smarter than God if you...

1. Refuse Adversity
2. Take Vengeance Yourself
3. Don’t Fear Consequences
4. Are Indifferent to Injustice
5. Expect God to Prove Himself

Which of these best describes what you struggle with? Why? _____

3. APPLY

Be intentional about your submission to God. Take the list from the previous section and create the opposite of each point. For example “I refuse adversity” becomes “I will embrace adversity.” Then find a passage of Scripture that combats our tendencies for each point. _____

Choose one principle and Scripture from above and write it on a card. Below the scripture, write the way you will practice it this week. Share that with the group now or during your time of accountability.

Example:

I will embrace adversity.
Hebrews 11:23-28

I will _____ this week.

1A) If your faith is REAL, your future is CERTAIN - CONFLICT.

2A) When your upside goes DOWNSIDE, your inside comes OUTSIDE - CONFIRMATION.

3A) Yes God is ABLE, but he is not OBLIGATED - CONFUSION.

GAME CHANGER - I'm Not as Smart as God.

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

READ Hebrews 11:23-28

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

DAY 2

READ Joshua 24:14-18

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 3

READ Romans 11:33-36

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 4

READ Psalm 92:5-6

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 5

READ 1 Corinthians 2:12-16

What I learned:

How I will respond:

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