

Faith Mission Men's' Retreat

Message # 1

Title: The Battle in Babylon Begins – Trusting a Faithful God

Text: Daniel 1

Date: Friday, February 24, 2023

**Introduction:**

- (1) The Background to Daniel
  
- (2) The Babylonian Invasion of Judah
  
- (3) The Babylonian Empire
  
- (4) The Battle Before Us

**1. Going to Captivity in Babylon Was God's Work**

- (1) To Purge His People from Idolatry
  
- (2) To Make His People a Blessing

**2. Babylon Attempted to Remove God**

- (1) Nebuchadnezzar Had Two Goals
  - a. To Eradicate Godly Identity
  
  - b. To Indoctrinate with Babylonian Ideology

(2) Daniel Did Two Things

a. He Preserved His Identity

b. He Refused to be Defiled

### **3. In Babylon God was Faithful**

(1) God Made Them Strong

(2) God Gave Them Knowledge

(3) God Used Them to Bless

### **Takeaways – What Daniel Wants Us to Know**

(1) God's Will for Us is Where We Are Right Now

(2) God Wants Us to be Pure Where We Are Right Now

(3) God Wants Us to Be a Blessing Where We Are Right Now

(4) God Will Be Faithful to Us Where We Are Right Now

### **Final Thought – Dependence**

Faith Mission Men's Retreat  
Message # 2  
Title: The Only Wise God  
Text: Daniel 2  
Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023

**Review/Introduction:**

2 Chronicles 36:15-20

1. The Dreams of the King

2. The Dilemma of the Wise Men

3. The Decree of the King

4. The Intervention of Daniel

5. The Intercession of Daniel

6. The Interpretation of Daniel

## **Takeaways – What Daniel Wants Us to Know**

(1) About God

(2) About Prayer

(3) About Our Calling

(4) About History and the Future

- a. The Vanity of the Whole Human Enterprise of Kingdom Building
- b. God is in Control of History
- c. God's Kingdom Will Ultimately Supplant all Human Kingdoms

Final Takeaway – Daniel Points Us to Jesus

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Message # 3  
Title: The God Who Rescues  
Text: Daniel 3  
Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023

**Review and Introduction:**

**1. Let's Look at the Story – Seven Things that Happened**

- (1) The King's Action
  - a. This Action is Significant
  - b. The Location is Significant
- (2) The Astrologer's Accusation
- (3) The King's Anger
- (4) Daniel's Friends' Announcement
- (5) The King's Attitude
- (6) The King's Amazement
- (7) The King's Announcement

## **2. Let's Learn from the Story – Seven Things to be Clear About**

- (1) The Government and God
  
- (2) The Place of Civil Disobedience
  
- (3) The Catechism of the World
  
- (4) The Nature of True Faith
  
- (5) The Mystery of Providence
  
- (6) The Importance of Sharing Our Stories
  
- (7) The Greatest Comfort from this Story

Faith Mission Men's Retreat  
Message # 4  
Title: The Sex Talk  
Text: 1 Corinthians 6:9-20  
Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023

**Introduction:**

- (1) God Created Sex
- (2) We are Sexual Beings
- (3) We Are Sexual Sinners
- (4) We are Living in a Time of Unparalleled Sexual Rebellion and Confusion
- (5) The Situation in Corinth

**1. What the World Propagates – The Philosophy Proverbs**

- (1) "Everything is permissible for me"
- (2) "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"

**2. What the Word Says – The Four B's**

- (1) Benefit
- (2) Bondage
- (3) Body
  - a. Our bodies are "for the Lord"
  - b. God will raise our bodies
  - c. Our bodies are in union with Christ
  - d. "sins against his own body"

- e. “your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit
- (4) Bought

### **3. What the Word Commands**

- (1) Flee Immorality
  
- (2) Honour God with Your Body

### **Takeaways – Help to Obey the Commands**

- (1) Lay a Foundation for Marriage
  
- (2) Make Your Wife the Source of Your Enjoyment
  
- (3) Establish Parameters
  
- (4) Guard Your Eyes
  
- (5) Consider the Ramifications and Repent Deeply
  
- (6) Look to Jesus
  - a. He Was Sexually Pure
  
  - b. He Died for Sexual Sinners