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When God Tests You With Success

Daniel 4: Questions To Ask

1. What gets people into trouble when they start succeeding in life?

2. What are the steps to recovery after you've failed?

3. What are the things that I need to remember about God that will stabilize me whether I'm going through success or through suffering?

Three Causes for Trouble

1. We get _____ and _____ with success.

"I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous." -**Daniel 4:4**

"He said, 'Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty power, I have built this beautiful city as my royal residence to display my majestic splendor.'" -**Daniel 4:30**

"The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished." -**Proverbs 16:5**

2. We don't _____ to the warning signs.

"King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right. Break from your wicked past and be merciful to the poor. Perhaps then you will continue to prosper." -**Daniel 4:27**

3. We _____ doing what we know is right.

[28] "But all these things did happen to King Nebuchadnezzar. [29] Twelve months later he was taking a walk on the flat roof of the royal palace in Babylon. [30] While these words were still in his mouth, [31] a voice called down from heaven, 'O King Nebuchadnezzar, this message is for you! You are no longer ruler of this kingdom. [32] You will be driven from human society. You will live in the fields with the wild animals, and you will eat grass like a cow. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses.' [33] That same hour the judgment was fulfilled, and Nebuchadnezzar was driven from human society. He ate grass like a cow, and he was drenched with the dew of heaven. He lived this way until his hair was as long as eagles' feathers and his nails were like birds' claws." -**Daniel 4:28-33**

Steps To Recovery

1. _____ to God.

"I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven." **-Daniel 4:34a**

2. _____ to God's greatness and start worshiping.

Nebuchadnezzar says, *"'My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever.'"* **-Daniel 4:34b**

We Get Better When We Replace Pride With Praise.

"Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors . . .
12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down,
13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery . . . 17 You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me'18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. . . . 19 If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. 20 Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God." **-Deuteronomy 8:1,12-14,17-20**

Truths About God That Stabilize My Life

1. God's kingdom will _____ everything I do.

"God's rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal!" **-Daniel 4:34b**

2. God's _____ matters more than all the others.

"All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him." **-Daniel 4:35a**

3. God's power is _____.

"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? . . .' And those who walk in pride he is able to humble." **-Daniel 4:35, 37b**

"At 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." **-Daniel 4:36**

4. God _____ makes any mistakes.

5. _____ how God has saved and changed me.

"To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly! It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me." **-Daniel 4:1-2**