



Today's study is titled "I Will Not Take the Glory from God." In Daniel 4, we'll see Daniel again challenged to interpret a dream of King Nebuchadnezzar's. As the king's son discovers, this isn't good news for him. You've heard it said that we often learn what "to do" or what "not to do" from others. Today, we'll look at King Nebuchadnezzar's mistakes and learn what to avoid in our own lives.

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 4:1-33

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What encouraged you, challenged you, or stood out the most to you from the sermon?
2. The first three verses of Daniel 4 serve as a prelude to what King Nebuchadnezzar would share with the people regarding God's judgment against his pride. How would a typical leader respond to such public humiliation? Why do we often work hard to hide our failures from others? How can failures be a reason to praise God? What failures are you most thankful to God for in your life?
3. Read Daniel 4:4-8. What similarities do you see between this moment and the first dream King Nebuchadnezzar needed help interpreting? Considering the past failures of his "advisors," why do you think the king turned to them again, as we see in verses 6-7? What can we learn from these verses about turning to the right people when we need guidance? Discuss a time when you turned to the wrong people for advice. How can you know who the right people are?
4. How does Daniel react to the interpretation of the king's dream (v19)? Why do you think he reacted this way? After telling the king the interpretation, what advice does Daniel give him (v27)? How does Daniel model the kind of friends we need and the kind we should be to others? Have you ever had a "Daniel" who loved you enough to tell you the uncomfortable truth? How can this be done graciously?
5. What comparisons do you see between Daniel 4:4, Daniel 4:30, and Luke 12:19-20? What do these verses teach us about accomplishments and pride? Why is it easier to spot pride in someone else's life than in our own? Where in your life are you most likely to struggle with pride? How does pride steal glory from God? How can we be proud and not prideful?
6. Read Proverbs 16:5. How do we see this verse play out in King Nebuchadnezzar's life? What does it mean that "God loves us too much to leave us in sin"? What warning(s) should we take from the life of King Nebuchadnezzar?