



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Ezekiel, Daniel Sermon Series
Supports Session 9: Demonstrate Allegiance
Sermon Title: "Impossible? Really?"
Passage: Daniel 2:1-49

Connection to Daniel 3:14-26

God gives believers what we need so we can stand for Him with confidence.

Introduction/Opening

No way! That's impossible! It'll never happen! People often respond with these kinds of assertions when they are placed in situations that appear to be impossible to handle. They seem to be surprised by the immensity of the challenge set before them and unprepared to meet that challenge.

God's people have been given a different way to approach impossibilities. Daniel's story in Daniel 2:1-49 shows us that no challenge will be impossible with the Lord. For that reason, growing believers walk by faith in Him.

How can the story of Daniel in this passage help us to deal with impossible challenges? It alerts us to what we can expect as we walk with Him.

Outline

1. We can expect impossible challenges to come our way (2:1-17).
 - a. An impossible challenge awaited Daniel. The wise men in the Babylonian royal court could not guess what the king had dreamed. Therefore, they couldn't interpret it. The king retaliated by decreeing that all the wise men would be executed. Daniel was in training to become one of the wise men.
 - b. Impossible challenges continue to await believers. We do well to be alert to the reality of situations that will threaten us. The challenges that confront us may create a sense of hopeless fear because we find ourselves empty-handed when it comes to handling the challenges on our own.

2. We can expect the Lord to help us with impossible challenges (2:18-45).
 - a. The crisis led Daniel to turn to the Lord. Once he understood the reason for the king's anger, he asked his three friends to join him in seeking the Lord's help. The Lord gave Daniel the dream that had been troubling the king along with the interpretation of it. In turn, Daniel went to the king and successfully interpreted his troublesome dream.

- b. The crises we face prompt us to turn to the Lord. Our first response may be to run, hide, remain paralyzed with fear, or blame the Lord. When we resolve to take Daniel's approach to the crisis, we won't be disappointed. We can count on Him to give us what we need so we can push through the crisis successfully.
3. We can expect others to see the Lord at work in our impossible challenges (2:46-49).
- a. Daniel's response impacted the king. Nebuchadnezzar could see for himself that God had helped Daniel. What he saw in Daniel's response to his crisis moved him to honor God with a hearty affirmation of praise. As a result of what he had seen, he became more confident in Daniel and gave him more responsibility.
 - b. Our response affects other people. When they see how the Lord enables us, they have an opportunity to open their minds and hearts to Him. In turn, they may give themselves to Him by faith, or they may be encouraged to walk closer to Him. As a result, the Lord will use our response to point others to Him.

Conclusion

Daniel shows us that "No way!" or "That's impossible" doesn't have to be our response to monumental challenges that we will encounter. We can respond to them confidently by expecting them and trusting the Lord to get us through them for His glory.

When we face tough circumstances that appear to be impossible, we can keep the account of Daniel in our hearts. Follow his example by surrendering your life to the Lord now. Your decision will impact the way you take on the seemingly hopeless situations ahead of you.

If you're not a believer, giving your life to the Lord means placing your trust in Christ as your Savior and Lord. If you're a Christian, it means growing in your walk with Him so your faith in Him will be strengthened.

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