

Thriving in an Uncertain World

Week 3: Divine Intervention

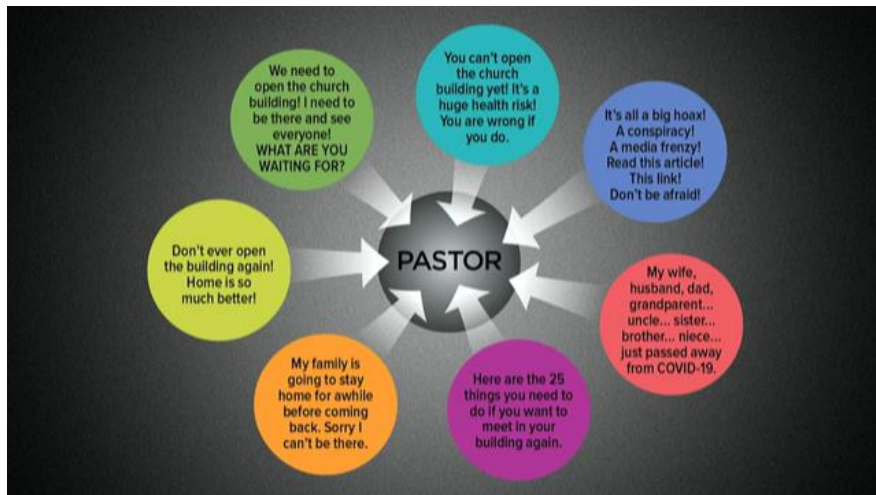
Daniel 2: 29- 49



Tonight we listened to a portion of a radio interview conducted by Jim Lyon, General Director of the Church of God headquartered in Anderson with our own Jeremy Patzer on "Governing as a Person of Faith." The interview was done on a program called "Viewpoint" that is heard on radio around the US. This is 1 of 3 interviews done with Jeremy. You can find all the interviews on <https://www.cbhviewpoint.org/> or Facebook : christiansbroadcastinghope/

Part A: Spiritual & Earthly Kingdoms

1. How interested are you personally in politics (civic, provincial, federal) ? What has contributed to your present level of interest?
2. What do you perceive as some of the common challenges and pressures faced by a person of faith in the political arena? How can we support our 'Daniel's' (those who enter the political arena)
3. Pastor Kevin talked about Nebuchednezzar's dream in Daniel 2 29 – 49. In the dream we see the description of earthly kingdoms and the kingdom of God. How do you think being a citizen of the Kingdom of God affects our citizenry in the earthly kingdom? What does it call us to? What does it assure us of? (read 1 Peter 2: 9 – 17)
4. What do we learn from Daniel (and the interview) about how we as Christians can prepare and speak effectively to power about issues that concern them?
5. Below is a chart of the many different perspectives on church and Covid-19 pandemic. What fear/desire/ perspective lie behind each perspective? How as citizens of the Kingdom of God can we navigate through these differences and maintain unity? What is required of each of us?



Part B: Individual

1. Who did Daniel enlist for help and prayer when he found himself faced with an impossible situation? Why is it important to have those people? What can we do to develop those supportive relationships?
2. The wonderful truth of this chapter is God's divine revelation. He reveals things to the king about himself and the world. The truth is there are things that God can only reveal and help us to get. (i.e his unconditional love, grace, forgiveness, his peace, his presence with us). When you think of your life what truth have you struggled to fully accept or believe. Is there an experience you could share where God enabled you to grasp that truth?
3. Daniel's life reflected how important it was to him to see others saved. How can we cultivate a heart's desire to see others enter into the life and hope we have in Christ? What stifles that desire and urgency in us?

Prayer Time

- Our elected officials
- Our city & provincial elections (& USA)
- The church and its role in the nation
- Needs