

Thriving in Uncertain Times

Week 5: Success

Daniel 4



Part A

1. Pete Briscoe says "Elections are won and loss when God casts his vote." How is that true? How do we reconcile with the reality that sometimes there are some pretty ungodly people who are in power? How do we reconcile that with our responsibility in democracy to engage and vote?
2. If Pete's statement is true how does that effect us ?
3. What does it take for the church to be a "branch for weary birds"? What is your story in that regard?

Part B.

Proverbs 16: 18 says "Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall."

1. Would you be willing to share a time in your life where you got a little too big for your britches" and what happened to humble you? Or Who have you encountered in your life that displayed humility? How did it express itself in that person?
2. How do you define pride? Humility?
3. What are some of the secret faces of pride? What helps you to recognize the face of pride – in yourself? In others?
4. What attitudes, perspectives, actions do you employ to guard against pride? (note ones listed in v. 27, 34)How do those serve as antidotes to pride?
5. Pastor Kevin mentioned on Sunday that Nebuchadnezzar's story is a gospel story. It is every person's story. What amazes you about God's grace? How does your story parallel Nebuchadnezzar's? (i.e. What did it take for God to reach you – whisper of conviction, messenger, pain? What has Christ restored or changed in your life?)