



WHEN YOU CAN'T GOD CAN!

BIG IDEA

What can you do when life is impossible or impossibly unfair? Live like God is bigger than the biggest problem in your world!

SCRIPTURE

Read Daniel 2

OPENER

Kids often use the phrase, “that’s not fair!” What types of circumstances might elicit such a phrase? As adults, we also fall back and use the same phrase. What circumstances elicit that response as an adult?

QUESTIONS

1. When you are faced with a situation where you need to be assertive, how do you respond? Based on the answers from the group, discuss how individuals can learn to be assertive, with Biblical wisdom and discretion, when required.
2. What motivated Daniel and his companions to “press urgently” into God in prayer? Can you recall a time that you felt compelled to “press urgently” into God? Share.
3. As a group, compile a list of the qualities that you believe are necessary for a person to declare God’s truth fearlessly. Do you as an individual exhibit any of these qualities? Discuss. How can you make changes to your life to incorporate or strengthen these qualities?
4. Read James 1:2-6 and discuss what our attitudes as Christians should be when we face adversity and unfairness. What is God’s perspective as He views unfairness in our lives? How does God equip us for these “unfair times?”
5. Discuss why it is important to gather Christian friends to pray. Is this solely for support or are there other benefits?
6. Daniel was miraculously given the interpretation from God and so he went to the King. When the king asked him if he could interpret the dream, Daniel didn't rush to reveal the answer (as we might) but instead said “I can’t do it, but God can.” Discuss a time when you’ve been given an answer to prayer and explain how you’ve been able to use the situation to give immediate and complete glory to God.

TAKE AWAY

3 steps when life isn’t fair

1. Be assertive



2. Pray urgently with friends
3. Give myself to His higher Kingdom

Work like it all depends on you and pray like it all depends on God!

REFERENCES

1 Kings 8:44,45

Psalm 50:15, 127:1

Daniel 6:9

Matthew 18:19,20

James 1:2-6, 5:16

WORD WEALTH

EXPERIENCE GOD: Knowing and doing the will of God.

ASSERTIVE: Overcoming fear of speaking your mind or trying to influence others but doing so in a way that respects the personal boundaries of others.

WISDOM: The ability to apply knowledge to a given situation.

TACT/DISCRETION: Is when a person is appropriate and sensitive, never rude or careless. Giving criticism in such a way that the other person(s) doesn't get offended.

JUSTICE: The legal or philosophical theory by which fairness is administered. Fairness in protection of rights and punishment of wrongs.

REVELATION: A hidden truth that is revealed in a dramatic way.

SUPPLICATION: The action of asking or begging for something earnestly or humbly.

DIGGING DEEPER

- Last week we learned that Daniel was taken captive to a pagan land without his family, where he experienced a completely different culture and couldn't worship in the Hebrew temple. What can we learn about "fairness" from Daniel's circumstances? Using a scale of 1 to 10 (best), how do you think Daniel's life rates on God's scale? Why? In terms of fairness, how would you rate your current life on this scale? Share how you see God's "fairness" in your current life situations.
- In the Bible, prayer appears as praise, petition/supplication, intercession and thanksgiving. In Daniel chapter 2, what types of prayer did Daniel use? Do you utilize all types of prayer in your prayer life? What might you miss if you aren't using all of them? Discuss.