

# DANIEL 4

1. Nebuchadnezzar makes great statements about God in verse 3 and then again in verses 34-35. Which of the things he mentions about God is most inspiring to you, that you need to be reminded of? What statements should give you peace in an election year?
2. Nebuchadnezzar had seen enough of the Lord's work in his life that he should have been more convinced of God's greatness. What are some of the things in us as human's that cause us to become hard-hearted and unaware of God's goodness to us?
3. Look at Nebuchadnezzar's statement in verse 37. What is particularly hard for you to accept as "just" right now? How can this story as told by Nebuchadnezzar help you with that?
4. As you look back over the years of your life, what are some circumstances the Lord used in your life to humble you?
5. What are some practices that we could regularly engage to keep ourselves on a course of humility so we do not have to be corrected by God? (check out 1 Timothy 2:1 for ideas)

## **HIGH-YIELDING FOLLOW-UP**

Humility is a key quality that the Holy Spirit wants to develop in us. It is one of the most elusive areas to grow in because in a fallen world we have many scars, many coping skills and many strategies we use to gain a diminished sense of worth.

Check out these Scriptures where Jesus tries to teach people how to deal with situations where they seek affirmation or where they deal with their own feelings of inferiority. Look at the four situations reported in Luke 9:46-57. Then look at Luke 14:7-11, where Jesus gives some words of wisdom to those who sought to be honored. We can see ourselves in these stories.

If the Lord is speaking to you about this area of pride, it is a good idea to read more. Take some time to begin reading at Proverbs 10:1 and mark every verse that speaks to you about pride, humility, honor and praise. Read through to the end of Proverbs. Revisit often the marked verse. They will help you back away from the instincts that strongly work from within to make you prideful. It's a great investment in yourself to visit frequently these Scriptures.