

Central

News & Views

Rejoice in the LORD'S Work

October 2011

Mark Your Calendar

10.8

Schaeffer Farms Outing

10.16

Soup & Stew Sunday

10.21

Family Night

10.30

Fellowship Dinner
Fall Fest

11.12

Ladies Luncheon

Daniel - Dealing with a Crisis

Daniel 2:14-18

Life is often filled with trials and hardships. Job said, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." (Job 14:1) Though we may face troubles, even a crisis, it is possible to overcome them with God's strength. Daniel was able to deal with his crisis because he handled it correctly.

The king issued a decree to slay all of the wise men, Daniel and his friends included. Apparently, Daniel was busy with his responsibilities when Arioch, captain of the king's guard, arrived to arrest him. It seems Daniel was unaware of the situation and the decree issued by the king. Though he may have been taken by surprise, he was ready to act.

The first thing we notice about Daniel is that he remained calm and did not allow fear to dictate his actions. In Proverbs 25:28 the Bible warns us about lack of self-control and in Ephesians 5:25 it directs us to be filled with the Spirit. Daniel was

able to deal with the current crisis because he kept his emotions under control. He kept his cool, which helped him keep his life.

Next, Daniel chose to deal with the problem instead of ignoring it. Pretending a problem does not exist will not eliminate it. He approached Arioch and with great respect inquired about the decree. He spoke with care, caution and confidence. Care for his life, caution so not to upset things and confidence in God. Daniel found Arioch to be helpful and he was given details concerning the king, the dream and the failure of the wise men. Daniel immediately requested a hearing with King Nebuchadnezzar. After receiving permission and being presented, Daniel went before the king. He made one simple request, some time to get an interpretation. Daniel made this request with God in mind. He believed that God could and would provide the interpretation. Daniel's courage and boldness did not come from his strength; it was from his faith in God's strength. The king granted Daniel's request and because he faced the crisis instead of ignoring it, Daniel was given time to deal with the situation.

Armed with the information and time, Daniel went home and shared the details with his friends. Together they decided to take the problem to God, which is what God wants us to do with all of our cares. (1 Peter 5:6-7) They set aside their plans, ideas, experiences and education and trusted completely in the Lord. The young men prayed unto "God, who is rich in mercy." They asked for His mercy concerning the dream, since only God was able to give the interpretation. They also asked for His mercy over their lives. These men understood the consequences; if they failed they would

be put to death. The test before them was great but their actions tell us they believed their God to be greater. Daniel's self-control and approach provided an opportunity for the Lord to work; Daniel just had to wait.

We are not able to choose the problems we face but we can decide how to handle them. Like Daniel it is best to control our emotions, address the problem and go to God with our cares. The hardship may seem insurmountable but if we trust in God we may find, like Daniel, that "with God all things are possible."

Central Baptist Church

A Place to Grow in God's Grace

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Service Times

Sunday

Early in the Word - 9:15
Bible Classes - 10:00
Morning Service - 11:00

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study - 7:00
King's Kids - 7:00



Current Bible Class

We invite you to join us Sundays at 10:00 am for a new Bible Class. Practical and timely lessons will be presented each Sunday from the Book of Hebrews.

The Book of Hebrews was written to Jewish Christians, so they would not return to their ceremonies and traditions but instead abide with Christ and remain faithful to their Saviour. Unlike Galatians, the epistle does not address a specific error but encourages the reader from falling into error.

The Book of Hebrews magnifies and exalts Jesus Christ. It displays His character and manifests His service and work for mankind before God the Father. Jesus Christ is shown to be greater than Moses the one whom received the law. Jesus Christ is shown to be greater than Joshua the one that led the people into the Promised Land. Jesus Christ is shown to be greater than Aaron the High Priest. Jesus Christ's sacrifice is shown to be greater than the sacrifices offered under the law.

The Book of Hebrews encourages the believer to look to Jesus Christ in all things. Studying this book should deepen our love for Christ and draw us nearer to Him.

Come and join us as we study the Book of Hebrews.

Bible Classes

10.2

Hebrews 2 - The Suffering Christ

10.9

Hebrews 3 - The Faithful Christ

10.16

Hebrews 4 - The Merciful Christ

10.23

Hebrews 5 - The Serving Christ

10.30

Hebrews 6 - The Promising Christ

11.6

Hebrews 7 - The Priestly Christ

11.13

Hebrews 8 - The Excellent Christ

11.20

Hebrews 9 - The Perfect Christ

11.27

Hebrews 10 - The Obedient Christ