**Dare to Lead – Part 5 “I’ve heard of you!”**

**Daniel 5**

**HOOK**

**1. What’s the scariest movie you’ve ever watched?**

**2. What’s your favorite alcoholic drink?**

**3. Agree or disagree: A massive crisis is a massive opportunity for the gospel?**

**BOOK**

**Background to Daniel 5**

**539 B.C. Babylon is under siege, but King Belshazzar felt secure enough to party, and arrogantly used holy cups for unholy purposes.**

**4. Read Daniel 5:2**

**When or how have you experienced the destructive affects of alcohol/drug usage?**

**Read 5:5,6**

**5. Have you ever been so frightened you couldn’t stand?**

**Read 5:14-16**

**6. What was Daniel’s reputation?**

**When storms hit, people who don’t know God need people who do! What storms are your friends, neighbors and extended family going through right now?**

**7. How old was Daniel when King Belshazzar asked for his help?** (close to 80 years old). **Do you ever feel your gifts/knowledge/experience are underutilized by the younger generation?**

**8. What message did God have for the king as interpreted by Daniel?**

**26 *Mene*[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+5%3A17-28#fen-NIV-21901b)**]: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.**

**27*Tekel*[**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+5%3A17-28#fen-NIV-21902c)**]: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.**

**28*Peres*[**[**d**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+5%3A17-28#fen-NIV-21903d)**]: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”**

**TOOK**

**9. What does Psalm 90:12 teach us about the importance of numbering? How does numbering our days make us wise?**

**10. Read Romans 3:23: How much do you weigh spiritually? Read Romans 8:1 and Col. 2:14. What do those verses declare is written about us now?**

**11. Where do you feel you could use your spiritual gifts more to help others?**

**12. What do you need to do to be ready to help/serve others?**

**13. How could this home group heighten our impact on people who don’t know God as we think about moving to our new Evergreen campus this fall?**