**Dare to Lead - part 7**

**Daniel 9**

**The Daniel Prayer: A long obedience in the same direction**

**HOOK**

1. If you believe God is sovereign, why do you pray?

2. Do you have a set time of prayer, or just pray whenever you feel the need?

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**3. Read Daniel 9:21. How do prayer and Scripture fuel each other?** (Prayer feeds our hunger for God’s Word, and God’s Word fuels our desperation for prayer).

**4. Is prayer trying to get God to do what we want or aligning ourselves with what God is doing?**

**5. Read Jeremiah 25:8-12 and 29:10-14. How was Daniel’s prayer in chapter 9 motivated by other prophecies in Scripture?**

**6. Read Daniel 9:4,7,15. How does prayer enlarge our view of God?**

**7. Read Daniel 9:18. Do you ever feel you have to be more righteous in order for God to hear your prayer?**

**8. Read Daniel 9:23 and 10:12-14. Why do our prayers sometimes get answered quickly and sometimes get delayed? How do these verses reframe life as a battleground?**

**9. Have you ever fasted and prayed? What were you willing to do fasting prayer for?**

**10. How is prayer like planting?** (Each prayer is like a seed that gets planted in the ground. It disappears for a season, but eventually bears fruit that blesses future generations. Prayer is the inheritance we receive and the legacy we leave).

**11. Pastor Perry shared a prophetic word with the church. Reread it as a group and talk about how you sense it applies:**

**“I don’t want to date you – I want to marry you! I don’t want to just get together once a week and eat a meal, watch a movie, listen to music or read a book together. I want to live with you; I want to marry you! I want you to be my wedded wife, my family. I want to be with you every day, talking, listening to your problems, and being intimate with you.”**

**12. Have you ever felt like you have a prophetic word for someone else?**

**TOOK**

Pray for each other and pray Scripture. Have an extended prayer time as a group. The Bible wasn’t just meant to be read through; the Bible was meant to be prayed through. If you pray through the Bible, you’ll never run out of things to talk to God about.