



Confrontation Message 5

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► Outline

"... you have not honored the God who gives you the breath of life and controls your destiny!"
Daniel 5:23b (NLT)

A. Background

(Daniel 5:1-12. C/R: Isaiah 13-14; 21; 47;
Jeremiah 50-51)

B. Characteristics of Confrontation:

1. Respond to _____.
(Daniel 5:13-16. C/R: Galatians 6:9-10; Ephesians 2:10;
5:15-17; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 3:13-17)

2. Resist influence by _____.
(Daniel 5:17. C/R: 2 Corinthians 5:10; Colossians 3:23-24; 1
Thessalonians 2:4-5; 2 Timothy 4:3)

3. Remind of previous _____.
(Daniel 5:18-21. C/R: Deuteronomy 8:19; Romans 15:4;
2 Thessalonians 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:14-15)

4. Rebuke _____, but _____.
(Daniel 5:22-31. C/R: 1 Corinthians 5:12; Galatians 6:1;
2 Timothy 2:24-25; James 5:19-20)

Answers: 1. opportunities 2. rewards 3. lessons 4. honestly, humbly

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com, or bible.com. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

What's been one of the hardest things you've ever had to do?

Opening in Prayer

*My soul clings to the dust;
give me life according to Your Word!*

[Psalm 119:25 \(ESV\)](#)

Spend a few moments in prayer asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Daniel 5:1-12](#).

1. How would you describe King Belshazzar?
2. What do we learn about Daniel as this story unfolds?
3. Several times in his book, Daniel records the failure of the *wise men* of Babylon to interpret the message of God. What point is Daniel trying to make?

Read [Daniel 5:13-31](#).

4. How can Daniel's words to Belshazzar help us become more humble and thankful to God (see especially, vs. [18-24](#))?
5. Daniel told Belshazzar . . . *you have proudly defied the Lord of heaven* ([vs. 23](#)). What does it look like in our day for a person to *go against* God? How does this show up in your life?
6. Belshazzar failed to learn from the experiences of his grandfather. What spiritual truths have you learned (or failed to learn) from your parents or grandparents?

7. Why do you think Daniel emphasizes *that very night* Belshazzar was killed and the city of Babylon fell ([vs. 30](#))?
8. What kinds of things can we be certain about God from this story?
9. Daniel believed everyone's life was in the hands of God ([vs. 23](#)). How does Belshazzar reflect a different worldview? See also [Psalm 24:1-6](#).
10. In what ways can the church play a more prophetic role in our culture, both as individuals and also as a body of believers?
11. What are some practical ways you can respond to this story?
12. What do you need to remember most about this story?

Soul Training

Even though we don't always see or understand what God is up to, He's always at work, pursuing the hearts of His people. Pause for a few minutes and ask God what He wants you to know. Ask Him to form in you the qualities of wisdom, integrity and courage.

Memory Verse

My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

[James 5:19-20 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Galatians 6:9-10](#)

Day 4: [Deuteronomy 4:32-40](#)

Day 2: [1 Thessalonians 2:1-6](#)

Day 5: [Titus 2:11-15](#)

Day 3: [2 Timothy 4:1-8](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 3, we'll see what it looks like to live with courageous CONVICTION as we study *Daniel and the Lion's Den* in [Daniel chapter 6](#).