





**REVIEW**

Sadie began the session with the theme of Daniel 2 stating, “Faithful obedience means using our position of influence to demonstrate God’s power.” **In what ways did Daniel and his friends use their influence to show God’s power?**

We all have influence, no matter who we are—whether we’re influencing the people in our home, at school, or on social media. Everything we say and do can have an impact on the life of another person. **How would you describe your influence? In what ways does having influence inspire, or maybe even worry, you?**

**In what ways have you seen someone’s influence be positive or negative? In what ways have you personally been affected negatively or positively by the influence of someone else?**

Sadie pointed out that Daniel and his friends received positions of influence, not as a reward for godly obedience but to demonstrate the power of God to Babylon. **How can you use your influence to demonstrate God’s power where you are right now?**

At the end of the day, the influence we have should be pointing others to the love and power of God—even during hard times. **In what ways have you felt the love of God through someone else’s actions? How did their actions affect you?**

Sadie told a story about her experience speaking at the Passion Conference. She urgently prayed that God would be glorified in her speaking. **How did she explain her urgency for God at that moment? What was she expecting from God?**

**In what ways have you needed to rely on God with the same sense of urgency? What was the outcome?**

After finding out the king’s plan to kill anyone who couldn’t interpret his nightmares, Daniel and his friends were given extra time, and urgently prayed to God that he would come through. Prayer was their immediate reaction. **What are some situations in life that prompt you to pray and seek God immediately? Why do these**

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Many of us receive an answer to prayer and get so excited that we move along with life without truly stopping to praise and thank God. **What was Daniel's immediate response to receiving an answered prayer from God? In what ways do Daniel's actions inspire you to slow down and thank God for the things he's doing in your life?**

**What could it look like for you to thank God more often for answered prayers?**

Daniel's actions show us that it's possible to remain faithful under pressure. **In what ways have you dealt with pressure or unreasonable requests from someone in authority (a coach, principal, teacher, etc.)? What was the outcome?**

All in all, Daniel made sure to give all credit for his interpretation to God, since God was the one who revealed it to him. **What are some ways that you could become more verbal to friends and family when praising God?**

**What could it look like for you to give God glory for what he's helped you through?**

## **LAST WORD**

For Daniel and his friends, the pressure of providing a quick answer to the king became a matter of life and death. Even with all the influence of their positions and the gifts God gave them, their actions showed that they knew only God could help them.

When is the last time you fully relied on God instead of the gifts that he gave you? As believers, we may have God-given gifts, talents, and status on our side like Daniel, but at the end of the day, God is the one who gets us through.

## **DEEPER WALK**

**Read:** Read Daniel 2 in its entirety. Write down three things that stood out most to you in the story, or three things you were inspired by Daniel's actions.

**Pray:** Pray and ask God to help you use the influence you have to share the love of Christ and demonstrate his power regularly.

**Memorize:** Memorize Sadie's statement: "We must begin to treat our areas of influence as opportunities to advance God's reputation to the world, not our own reputation. We are not the heroes of the story."

**Meditate:** This week, take fifteen minutes to meditate on what it means for you to be faithfully obedient.