

Sermon Title: Kingdoms & Kings: Empire State of Mind

Scripture: Daniel 4

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- 1. Describe a lesson that you learned the hard way.
- 2. Have there been areas of your life when God has had to repeatedly speak to you?
- 3. Nebuchadnezzar was warned of God's coming judgments and yet did nothing about it (Daniel 4:4-27). What does that reveal to you about him? Does it reveal anything about you?
- 4. What keeps us (like King Nebuchadnezzar) from repenting even when we are clear about our wrongdoing?
- 5. In what ways have you seen pride function as a destructive force (Daniel 4:28-33)?
- 6. This weekend, we shared two historical sources (Prayer of Nabonidus -First Century B.C.; Eusebius -Second Century A.D. Quoting Abydenus -Third Century B.C.). How does this impact your confidence in the authenticity of the Bible?
- 7. Let's read Daniel 4:19-20. Notice the compassion that Daniel speaks to King Nebuchadnezzar with. What does mean for you and those you disagree with or those in authority?
- 8. Corrie Ten Boom (a Holocaust survivor) said of her interaction with one of her Nazi guards, "Thank you, Father, that your love is stronger than my hatred and unforgiveness." Is there someone in your life where this will help you to forgive?
- 9. Daniel warns Nebuchadnezzar of the lesson God is trying to teach him in Daniel 4:25. God reminds King Nebuchadnezzar of this lesson as he is humbled in Daniel 4:32. Why is this an important lesson for us to learn and have confidence in during this election season?
- 10. Think of a time when you were given a second chance at something. How do you suppose King Nebuchadnezzar approached his kingdom differently after receiving his second chance (Daniel 4:34-37)?