

但以理書 - 這麼遠，那麼近

第四課: 生活中的見證 (上)

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Unreasonable Hope – 不近人情的指望

- Unreasonable Hope – Chad Vench
- Lissencephaly
 - 平腦症
 - 為希臘文“lissos”（平滑）和“encephalos”（大腦）的結合
 - 先天性的腦部缺陷病。
- 腦回（Gyri）
 - 摺疊結構使顱內相同容量下人類可以有更多大腦皮質。
 - 較低等的動物則腦溝腦回較少。
- 癲癇發作– Epileptic seizure

Safe Arrival - 安全到達

- He never promised a safe journey, only a safe arrival
- Hope on the “Safe Arrival” (安全到達)

Eyes on Jesus

- 所以，我們既然有這麼多的見證人，像雲彩圍繞著我們，就應該脫下各樣的拖累，和容易纏住我們的罪，以堅忍的心奔跑那擺在我們面前的賽程；專一注視耶穌，就是那位信心的創造者和完成者。(Hebrews 12:1-2a CNV)
- 堅忍 - Perseverance - 捱
 - Marathon like...
- God never waste Grief

Unforgettable – 忘不了你 (Isaiah 49:15)

- 婦人怎能忘記她吃奶的嬰孩，
 - “Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child?
- 不憐憫她親生的兒子呢？
 - Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?
- 即使她們可能忘記，我也不會忘記你。(CNV)
 - But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! (NIV)

Good Old Times

- 但以理、哈拿尼雅、米沙利、亞撒利雅
 - Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah
- 初信時的豪氣

Early Years

- 但以理、哈拿尼雅、米沙利、亞撒利雅
 - Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah
- Selected to serve at King's Palace
 - 做好這份工
- Captured Jewish – Lackey 走狗
 - Looked down
- Local Babylonian – Foreign Labor, Uneducated barbarians, Competitors
 - Marginalized
 - Envious - 眼紅

Early Years

- Enrolled in a 3yr Higher Education Program (1:4-5)
- Indoctrination (灌輸)
 - Transform the exiles into loyal servants
 - Brainwash
 - Assimilation (同化)
 - Made into Babylonian
- Ancient Babylonian Study
 - Culture, Literature, etc
 - Astrology (占星術)
 - Divination (占卜)
 - Local superstition and believe (迷信)

Early Years

- No choice in Education
- 生活中學習堅持
 - Refused King's Meals
- Dependence on God, not king
 - Believe God will protect their faith and loyalty
- Food Law (Lev.11, Duet.14)
 - Reminder of Separation
 - Allegiance (忠誠) to God
- Kept from developing a taste for luxury

Christians in Workplaces

- No way to escape
 - Christian school?
 - Christian-only Institutions?
- Personal gain – pros & cons
 - + Good pay, Job security, Professional achievement
 - - Unwillingly stand up for God
 - - Believe good things are results of own labor

Christians in Workplaces

- Embrace Education
 - Even if it is outside the bounds of Christian values
- Avoid assimilation into the surrounding culture
 - Those work in non-Christian environments
 - Be alert!
- Pray, Pray, Pray
 - Daniel prayed three times daily (6:10)
 - 藉著各樣的禱告和祈求，隨時在聖靈裡祈禱，並且要在這事上恆久警醒，為眾聖徒祈求。(Eph 6:18)
 - Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (NLT)
 - Daniel prayed at difficult times (ch.2, ch.9)

Christians in Workplaces

- Associate with other Christians at workplace
- From good relationships with non-believers
 - Witnessing God at workplace
 - Peacemaking
 - Not judgmental

Date	Topic
1. 9/11	Introduction
2. 9/18	Faith and Trials (Pt.1)
3. 9/25	Faith and Trials (Pt.2)
	Panel Session – Hardship
4. 10/16	Witness in Darkness (Pt.1)
5. 10/30	Witness in Darkness (Pt.2)
	Panel Session - Workplace
6. 11/13	Divine Disciplines
7. 11/20	Visions, Prophecies, End Time
8. 11/27	Panel Session – Evangelism
	Conclusion