

## 但以理書 - 這麼遠，那麼近

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第五課: 生活中的見證 (下)

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### No Fear

- 但以理、哈拿尼雅、米沙利、亞撒利雅
  - Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah
- 605 BC - 初信時的豪氣
  - Selected to serve at King's Palace
  - No choice on education
  - No choice on career
- No Compromise - 不妥協
  - Chose to stand for God
  - Not compromise usually gets Satan's attention<sup>1</sup>

## Royal Case of Insomnia

- 603 BC
  - 尼布甲尼撒在位第二年，他作了夢，因此心裡煩亂，不能入睡。(2:1 CNV)
  - Second trial in the book
  - Insomnia, troubled by a dream
- Meaning of Dream...
- In ancient societies
  - A divine communications
  - Prophetic or omens

## Meaning of Dreams

- 21 dreams recorded in Bible
  - Jacob's ladder (Gen 28:12)
  - Joseph's stars (Gen 37:1-10)
  - Solomon's dream (1 Kings 3:5-15)
- Today...
  - Meaningful insights
  - Random brain activities
- Troubled dream...

## Terrible Nightmare

- **I had a dream (2:1)**
  - 尼布甲尼撒在位第二年，他作了夢，因此心裡煩亂，不能入睡。
- **Summoned wise men, refused to tell (2:5)**
  - 如果你們不把那夢和夢的意思向我說明，就必被碎屍萬段，你們的家必成為廢墟。
- **Too much of a task (2:10)**
  - 迦勒底人在王面前回答說：世上沒有人能把王所問的事說出來…
- **King's decree (2:12)**
  - 王大發烈怒，下令殺絕巴比倫所有的智慧人。
- **Deadly fate (2:13)**
  - 人就尋找但以理和他的同伴，要殺死他們

## Buy Time

- **Daniel requested more time (2:16)**
  - 但以理就進去，求王寬限，使他可以把那夢的意思為王解釋。
- **God revealed king's dream (2:19a)**
  - 這隱祕的事在夜間的異象中給但以理顯明了
- **Daniel praise God (2:19b-23)**
  - 但以理就稱頌天上的神…
- **Interpreted the dream (2:24-45)**
  - 只有一位在天上的神能把一切隱祕的事顯明… (2:28a)
- **King praise the Lord (2:46-47)**
  - 王對但以理說：“你們的神真是萬神之神，萬王之王 (4:47a)
- **Placed in high position (2:48-49)**
  - 使他管理巴比倫全省，又立他為總長，管理巴比倫所有的智慧人。

## Crisis at Workplace

- 603 BC - They were around 20 yrs old
  - Just out of school
- Out of the blue - 意想不到
  - Suddenly, unexpectedly, no choice
- Evil empire, Evil boss
  - 伴君如伴虎
- Nebuchadnezzar
  - brutal, powerful, and ambitious
  - 586BC – tired of rebellions, conquered Judah, destroyed temple and Jerusalem
    - 他們又在西底家眼前殺了他的眾子，並且把西底家的眼睛弄瞎，然後用銅鍊鎖住他，把他帶到巴比倫去。(2 Kings 25:7)

## How did Daniel Handle Crisis?

- Zen-like
  - Appearing calm and capable under stress
  - In peace
- Work relationship
- Arioch (2:14-15) 護衛長亞略
  - 那時，王的護衛長亞略出來，要殺死巴比倫的智慧人，但以理就婉轉機敏地向他詢問；但以理對王的護衛長亞略說：“王的命令為甚麼這樣嚴厲呢？”亞略就把這事告訴但以理。
- King (2:16)
  - 但以理就進去，求王寬限，使他可以把那夢的意思為王解釋。

## How did Daniel Handle Crisis?

- Pray at Crisis (2:17-18)
  - 但以理回到自己的家裡，把這事告訴他的同伴哈拿尼雅、米沙利和亞撒利雅，要他們為這隱祕的事祈求天上的神憐憫，免得但以理和他的同伴與巴比倫其餘的智慧人一同滅亡。
- Seek for prayer partners
- Plead for mercy from God - 求神憐憫
  - Nature of God
  - Compassion 同情 and love
  - Especially toward those have special relationship with God
  - Also for Babylonian wise-men

## Answered Prayer

- Daniel praise God (2:19-23, 24)
  - 於是這隱祕的事在夜間的異象中給但以理顯明了。
  - 但以理就稱頌天上的神。但以理說：  
“願神的名得稱頌，從永遠直到永遠，因為智慧和能力都是屬他的。
  - ...
  - 於是但以理進去見亞略，就是王委派去殺絕巴比倫的智慧人的，對他這樣說：“不要殺絕巴比倫的智慧人；請把我帶到王面前，我要把夢的意思向王解釋。”
- Most of us will straight to the King...
  - Daniel took a pause and gave thanks

## Outcome of the Crisis

- Dream interpreted
  - King's problem solved
- Wise men saved
  - Everybody happy
- King "sees" the LORD (2:46-47)
  - 你們的神真是萬神之神，萬王之王 (4:47a)
- Nebuchadnezzar = The most powerful man of the time
  - Praise the Lord
  - Declared by the most powerful
- Glory be to God

## Image of Gold

- Nebuchadnezzar made an enormous statue
  - 90 feet tall, 9 feet wide
  - 豎立在巴比倫省的杜拉平原上。(3:1b)
  - 召集各省所有的官員參加立像的揭幕典禮。(3:2)
  - 下令全國官員向王所立的金像下拜 (3:7)
- 587-583 BC<sup>2</sup> – Daniel and friends are around 40
  - In chapter 2 - 603BC
    - Freshmen in workspace
    - Perhaps unmarried
  - Now in the prime of career
    - Held high position in government
    - Likely married with children

## 齊來崇拜

- 小報告
  - 有幾個猶大人，就是王所派管理巴比倫省政務的沙得拉、米煞和亞伯尼歌，王啊！這些人不理會你的命令，不事奉你的神，也不向你所立的金像下拜。(3:12)
- 尼布甲尼撒勃然大怒 (3:13a)
  - 審問 沙得拉、米煞和亞伯尼歌
  - Daniel seems not in town
- Threatening the three
  - 如果你們不下拜，就必立刻扔在烈火的窯中。哪裡有神能救你們脫離我的手呢？(3:15b)

## No way - 拒絕拜金像

- 沙得拉、米煞、亞伯尼歌回答王說：“尼布甲尼撒啊！這件事我們無需回答你。如果我們被扔在火窯裡，我們所事奉的神能拯救我們；王啊！他必拯救我們脫離烈火的窯和你的手。即或不然，王啊！你要知道，我們決不事奉你的神，也不向你所立的金像下拜。” (3:16-18)
- Do not need to defend ourselves - 我們無需回答你
  - Uncompromised in their loyalty to God
  - No point to defense
- Worst comes to worst - 如果我們被扔在火窯裡
  - God is able to save – 能拯救我們
  - God will rescue us – 他必拯救我們

## The Cost - 代價

- If God does not help – 即或不然
- Bottom-line
  - Will never serve your gods - 我們決不事奉你的神
  - Will never worship your gods - 也不向你所立的金像下拜
  - Loud and clear
- The whole world is united and bowed. Three stand...
  - Against the whole universe
- The cost of saying no
  - Live threatening
  - Say no means letting go everything... Career, wealth, family, own lives
- Strong Message - Life or die, they would be faithful to God
- 留下青山 – a smarter move?
  - Why risk everything for a small compromise?

## The Deliverance

- 在烈火的窯中毫無損傷 (3:27)
  - 他們的頭髮沒有燒焦，衣服沒有燒壞，身上也沒有火燒的氣味。
- 王見神蹟就稱頌神 (3:29)
  - 我現在下令：無論各國、各族、說各種語言的人，凡說話得罪沙得拉、米煞、亞伯尼歌的神的，必被碎屍萬段，他的家也必成為廢墟，因為沒有別的神能這樣施行拯救。
- 於是王在巴比倫省提升了沙得拉、米煞和亞伯尼歌。(3:30)

## The Trap

- 538 BC – 67 years after first capture
  - Daniel in his early 80s
  - Babylon Empire is no longer existed
  - Medo-Persia Empire took over
  - Daniel is working at the new government
- 大利烏按自己的心意，立了一百二十個總督，治理全國；他又在這些總督之上，設立三位監察司（但以理是其中之一），監管總督的工作，免得王受虧損。因為但以理裡面有美好的靈性，所以各方面都比其他的監察司和總督優勝；王有意立他治理全國。(6:1-3)
- 一人之下

## 嫉妒與謀害

- Envious - 眼紅
  - 於是這些監察司和總督在但以理治國的事上，尋找把柄控告他，只是不能找到任何的把柄和過失 (6:4a)
  - 只有在他神的律法中去找把柄 (6:5b)
- Set up a trap
  - 國中所有的監察司、總監、總督、謀臣和省長，一同商議，請王立一條法例，實施一道禁令：無論何人，在三十天內，王啊！除了向你以外，若向任何神或任何人求甚麼，就必扔在獅子坑中。(6:7)
- Made into Law
  - 現在求你立這禁令，簽署這份文告，使禁令不能更改。(6:8a)

## Staple of Children Bible Story

- 但以理照常禱告 (6:10)
  - 但以理知道這文告簽署了以後，就上到自己家裡樓頂上的房間，這房間的窗戶朝向耶路撒冷開著；他一日三次雙膝跪下，在他的神面前禱告稱謝，像往日一樣。
- 但以理被扔在獅子坑中 (6:16-20)
  - 王回到宮裡，整夜沒有吃東西，也不要任何娛樂解悶，並且睡不著覺。(6:18)
- 但以理毫無損傷 (6:21-23)
  - 我的神差遣了他的使者，封住獅子的口，使牠們沒有傷害我 (6:22a)
- 王通令全國敬畏神 (6:25-28)

## Facing Lions

- The experience is still painful and disturbing
- Daniel had choices
- Daniel didn't say anything until released
  - Could tell the king the evil plan
  - Defense while under arrested
- Opening defile the king's edict
  - Very dangerous act
  - Could pray with the window closed or at night
  - Skip praying for 30 days
- Is it necessary to stand for God at old age?

## Two Kingdoms

- Daniel care less on himself, but God's people
- Daily prayers
  - Mercy towards God's people
  - His daily dependence on God
- Whose Kingdom are you building?
  - God's or yours

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