

Behind the Scenes

Sermon Questions | 1.24.16

Opener

After King Nebuchadnezzar has a bizarre dream, he requires his wise men to not only interpret the dream, but tell him the content of the dream as well. They are unable, but Daniel prays and asks God to reveal this secret to him. Our situations may be different than Daniel's, but God will still reveal deep and hidden things to us when we ask.

Describe a time when you were faced with a situation that you did not know how to solve? How did Jesus reveal himself or guide you through the circumstance?

Read

[Daniel 2:1-23](#)

[1 Corinthians 2:6-7](#)

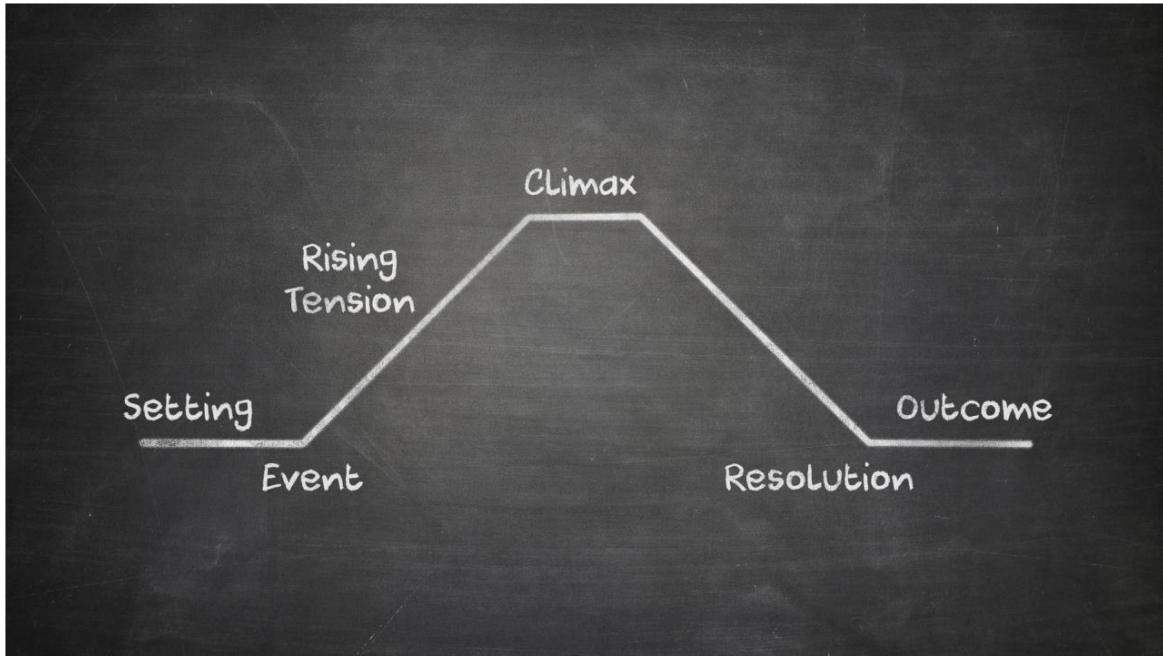
[Ephesians 1:17-19](#)

Engaging with God in a Group

1. Do you ever feel like the deep things of the faith are beyond you or hidden?
Share your answer with your group and explain why you answered the way you did.
2. What can we learn from Daniel when we are in desperate need of wisdom or discernment? ([Daniel 2:16-18](#))
3. God (back of house) reveals deep and hidden things when we ask him. When you begin believing this truth, you will start asking Jesus to reveal his answers to you by way of his Spirit. Are you looking for these types of opportunities? What is it that you need to ask Jesus or be convinced of today?

Engaging with God Alone

Read [Daniel 2](#). As you do, use the narrative arc below and fill it in with details from chapter 2.



Setting: The throne room and palace of King Nebuchadnezzar in the second year of his reign.

Event: The King has a dream which he cannot interpret and he is troubled that the God's are trying to tell him something.

Rising Tension: The King makes an impossible request of the astrologers and all the wise men that they must tell the dream and interpret it or else face death. The King does not want pat answers. The only way to ensure a right answer is to have a conversation with the one true God. h

Climax: Daniel requests time and goes home. God reveals the mystery of the dream to Daniel.

Closing Thoughts/Prayer

Take some time in prayer to thank God for the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Thank him that the hidden things of God are revealed to us if we will just ask. Ask Jesus to convince you of those things for which you may not be convinced of and to reveal his truth to you.