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Fear Versus Faith Daniel 2:1-49 (NKJV)

Note: King Nebuchadnezzar wants his advisers to tell him what he dreamed and the dream's interpretation. (v. 1-10)

Note: The king's advisers tell the king that his request is impossible. (v.10,11)

Note: King Nebuchadnezzar was angry with their response and gave the command to kill all of his advisers. (v.12)

Note: When the king gave the decree to kill all his advisers, this included Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. (v.13)

In a crisis you have a couple of ways you can respond;
You can respond in fear or you can respond in faith.
Daniel chooses faith. (v. 14-16)

At this point in our story does Daniel know what the king dreamed and the dream's interpretation? No, but he does know the One who does know the answer.

What does Daniel do next? He calls for a prayer meeting. (v. 17,18)

Note: Fear leans on the world; faith leans on God.

Note: God answered their prayer by revealing Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel.

Note: What did Daniel do when God revealed Nebuchadnezzar's dream to him?
He got up and worshipped.

What was Daniel's response to this crisis?

1. Poised: he thought clearly
2. Prayer: he sought God fervently.
3. Praise: he worshipped God passionately.

Statue of Nebuchadnezzar's dream:

Gold head – represents Babylonian Empire

Silver breast & arms – represents Medo-Persian Empire

Bronze belly & thighs – represents Greek Empire

Iron legs – represents Roman Empire

Feet partly iron & partly clay – represents the re-establishment of the Roman Empire

Rock – represent the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ

Four life principles that teach our children how to face the future with confidence:

1. Our children need to know that our God is bigger than any problem we may face.
2. Our children need to see us model courage under fire.
3. Our children need to see us exercise faith not fear.
4. Our children need to see us model Biblical worship.