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Stand Firm, Be Strong, Never Quit, Thrive On - Part 6
When Challenged with Success, Thrive On!
Daniel 4:1-37

Proverbs 27:21 (NCV) A hot furnace tests silver and gold, but people are tested by the praise they receive.

The trouble starts when...

1. We get _____ with success.

Daniel 4:4 (NIV) I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous.

Daniel 4:30 (NLT) As he looked out across the city, he said, "Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty power, I have built this beautiful city as my royal residence to display my majestic splendor."

2. We _____ the warning signs.

Daniel 4:24-25 (NIV) This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: you will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.

Daniel 4:27 (NIV) Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue."

3. We _____ what we know we should do.

Daniel 4:28-33 (NIV) All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives

them to anyone he wishes." Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

How do we recover?

1. _____.

Daniel 4:34 (NIV) At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

2. Acknowledge God's _____ and start _____.

Daniel 4:34 (NIV) At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

Foundational Truths to Live By

• _____ **will outlast everything I do.**

Daniel 4:34 (NLT) His rule is everlasting and his kingdom is eternal.

• _____ **matters most of all.**

Daniel 4:35 (NLT) All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him (God).

• _____ **is ultimate, absolute, and complete.**

Daniel 4:35 (NIV) He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"

• _____ **makes mistakes.**

Psalms 18:30 (NIV) As for God, his way is perfect: the Lord's word is flawless.

3. Tell others what _____.

Daniel 4:1-3 (NIV) King Nebuchadnezzar, to the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly! It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.