"THRIVING IN TRYING TIMES" Series

Message #2 of 6

"When God Reveals Mysteries"

If God guides & controls kings and nations and history, (and He does), God can certainly guide & control you, your life, and history.

Daniel 2:1-13 July 8, 2018

1. LIFE IS FULL OF MYSTERIES

"In the second year of his reign Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep." – v.1

2. BE HUMBLE IN VIEW OF LIFE'S MYSTERIES

"Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact." - v.28a

• "If someone is criticizing you and the criticism is mostly mistaken, identify the 20% of the indictment that is fair. Without excuse be willing to take it to heart. The strongest Christians are the ones most willing to repent." – Timothy Keller

3. THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM WE NEED TO ASK FOR IS MERCY

"Daniel urged his friends to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery." – v.18

4. GOD REVEALS WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

"There is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries." – v.28a

• "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law." – Deuteronomy 29:29

5. KNOW THAT YOUR WISDOM COMES FROM GOD

"As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than other living men, but so that you, O king, may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind." – v.30

- "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty." Zechariah 4:6
- 1. Where does my confidence come from?
- 2. Who do my life and gifts promote?
- 3. Am I building an earthly kingdom or a heavenly kingdom?