

## Problem

What can we do when we find ourselves in a situation that has spiraled out of control?

1. Stay calm. Take a deep breath. Avoid making the spiral worse. Stop talking.
2. Wait, often there are others around who can help. Allow cooler minds to prevail.
3. Don't give up. Even when our situation looks like it all hope is gone. Don't give up.

## Next steps in a seemingly impossible situation

1. Gather those involved to pray. (only his 3 friends knew the One True God)
2. Ask God for mercy. (Spare all of our lives)
3. Ask God for a help. (Be specific.)

**Response** What can we learn about praise from Daniel 2:20-23?

1. Consider carefully the One you are talking about with your praise.
2. Acknowledge God's wisdom, His power, and His sovereignty.
3. Thank Him for his help.

## Who gets the glory?

1. Our "why" matters. Daniel cared about the men who were about to be executed. Vs. 24
2. This task was not done by human ability, it was God in heaven. Vs. 27-28
3. It was not because Daniel was wiser, it was because he sought God on the matter. Vs.30

## Who am I really?

1. Daniel was a man of integrity. **Am I a woman of integrity?**
2. Daniel was a man of prayer. **Am I a woman of prayer?**
3. Daniel cared about the king. **Am I selective, or do I really care about others?**
4. Daniel was a humble man. **Do I have a humble heart?**

**Do you have a passion like Daniel, to bring God glory in every situation?**

**Daniel's influence passed through many generations.**

**Matthew 2:1-2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem<sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."**

**What seeds of faith are you sowing today that will bring a harvest of seekers in the generations to come?**