



## Going Deeper Daniel 2:46 – 3:7

1. Read the text of Daniel 2:46-3:7. What did God say to you through the Scriptures or through the sermon?
  
2. In 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 Paul points to “worldly sorrow vs. godly sorrow”. What sorts of attitudes and new passions does Paul expect to be awakened by Godly sorrow?

*<sup>8</sup> Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—<sup>9</sup> yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. <sup>10</sup> Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. <sup>11</sup> See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.*

Core Aspect	Worldly Sorrow	Godly Sorrow
Central Concern	SELF	God/Others
Core emotion	Anger (about losses)	Grief (I've hurt someone)
Next step	Recover personal losses	Recover lost relationship/hear how I've caused pain and grief
Initially feels	Great! I appease my emotion	Horrible, I sit alone in the pain of my own self-made sadness.
Produces...	Death	Salvation

3. We make 3 important observations about Nebuchadnezzar's "repentance" in the text:
  - a. The false repentance that sees God as useful but not as supremely valuable or beautiful.
  - b. The false repentance of "polytheism". "This is a good option among the many good options"
  - c. The false repentance manifested in images (golden statue of self)

Question: What are the ways that we all walk in false repentance? What are the acceptable ways we allow false repentance in our own lives, our community and our church?