



Going Deeper Daniel 9

1. Read the following passages from Jeremiah. What do they tell us about the human condition?
 - Jeremiah 3:17
 - Jeremiah 7:24
 - Jeremiah 9:14
 - Jeremiah 11:8
 - Jeremiah 23:17Jeremiah 17:9 – Summary Passage

2. When Daniel is surrounded by BAD NEWS he moves to prayer. What “coping mechanism” is your “go to” when bad news hits (addiction, entertainment, self-loathing). How can Daniel’s strategy of engaging bad news direct you this week?

Take this Larry Crabb quote with you:

“Our generation has lost the concept of finding joy in unfulfilled desire. We no longer know what it means to hope. We want what we want now... Impatient Westerners prefer quick sanctification. Take your car into the shop and drive it again the next day. Bring your soul to a counselor or pastor and get fixed right away. But wisdom understands that souls are not broken machines that experts fix. Wisdom knows the deep working of the hungry, hurting, sin-inclined soul and patiently follows as the Spirit moves quietly in those depths, gently nudging people toward God. There is no Concorde that flies us from immaturity to maturity in a few hours. There is only a narrow, bumpy road where a few people walk together as they journey to God.”

3. Daniel prays and we discussed 6 dimensions/paradigms of Daniel's prayer. Do any of these specific dimensions help you this week?

- Daniel's prayer is CORPORATE
 - Daniel doesn't say; "Dang, my parents and grandparents really sucked it up"
 - Right now, the trend is to dig up the dirt on our history and really "stick it to those dead people!!"
 - Daniel moves from "them" to "we". Important move in the tradition of renewal/revival prayer
 - Nehemiah
- Daniel's prayer is THEOLOGICAL
 - Attributes of God mentioned: This is Exodus 34 all the way!!
 - Great and Awesome
 - Covenant Keeping
 - Repeated Theme – Righteous
 - Daniel 9:7, 9:14, 9:16, 9:18
 - Rehearses God's redemption story and deliverance out of Egypt
 - Daniel sees return from Exile as sort of second Exodus!
 - "Remember" is a core work of the people of God
 - Where has God been faithful? Where have you seen his goodness?
- Daniel's prayer is HUMBLE
 - Humility is marked by confession – "I'm sorry, I was wrong, will you forgive me"

"Four marks of true repentance are: Acknowledgement of wrong, willingness to confess it, willingness to abandon it, and willingness to make restitution."

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- Daniel's prayer is HOPEFUL
 - He believed God will act – 4 Dimension of God that Daniel is hopeful about
 - Hear, Forgive, Pay Attention, Act
 - The miracle of the Gospel is that the righteous God is involved in our broken lives.
- Daniel's prayer is TEMPORARY/ They still need ATONEMENT (9:24)