♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, May 24, 2009

"GETTING LIFE RIGHT"

(Daniel 1:3-5)

No one sets out to wreck their life. The unfortunate reality is we find wrecked lives all around us. Crashes can happen at any stage of life. What can we do to get life right?

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"Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine" (Daniel 1:8, NIV).
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"Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon" (Daniel 2:17-18, NIV).
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"Showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace" (Daniel 1:4, NIV).
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"No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries" (Daniel 2:27, NIV).
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"Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me" (John 12:26, NLT).

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"At the window of my house I looked out through the lattice. I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who lacked judgment... Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent... With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose" (Proverbs 7:6-7, 10, 21-22, NIV).

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin" (Romans 6:1-7, NIV).

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RIGHT GOD

"What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among men" (Daniel 2:11, NIV).

"No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries" (Daniel 2:27, NIV). "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12, NIV).

RIGHT GIFTS

"Showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace" (Daniel 1:4, NIV).

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

RIGHT FRIENDS

"Among these were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego" (Daniel 1:6-7, NIV).

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"Bad company corrupts good character" (1 Corinthians 15:33, NIV).

"They encourage each other in evil plans, they talk about hiding their snares; they say, who will see them?" (Psalm 64:4, NIV).

RIGHT CONVICTIONS

"Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine" (Daniel 1:8, NIV).

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word" (Psalm 119:9, NIV).

RIGHT HABITS

"At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent" (Daniel 6:4, NIV).

"Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before" (Daniel 6:10, NIV).

"Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God" (Daniel 6:23, NIV).

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings" (1 Peter 5:7-9, NIV).