

SERMON NOTES

CULTURE SHAPERS

Week 3

INFLUENCING THE CHAOS

Sunday, June 21, 2020

(Daniel 5:1-5 NIV)

King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote,

Handwritting on the Wall

(Daniel 5:25-26 NIV)

"This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN. This is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end."

Your days are _____.

(Daniel 5:27 NIV)

"Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting."

Your Life is out of _____.

(Daniel 5:28 NIV)

"Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

**The result will be _____ and
_____.**

Influencing the Chaos

(Daniel 5:29-31 NIV)

Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom. That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

1. Live with _____ and _____.

(Psalm 39:4-5 NLT)

LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away. My life is no longer than the width of my hand. An entire lifetime is just a moment to you; human existence is but a breath.

2. Put _____ things _____.

(Matthew 6:33 NIV)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

3. Do it _____.

(2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV)

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

RightNow Media Weekly Suggestion:

"Every Day with Purpose" by John Maxwell

NEXTSTEPS

This week I'm going to...

- implement change based on the fact that my days are numbered.
- make two changes in my schedule to bring balance.
- attend Life Steps.