

Celebrating Recovery—One Day At A Time

Wake up—Recover your life!

Stand united, singular in vision, contending for people's trust in the Message, the good news, not flinching or dodging in the slightest before the opposition. Your courage and unity will show them what they're up against: defeat for them, victory for you—and both because of God. *There's far more to this life than trusting in Christ. There's also suffering for him. And the suffering is as much a gift as the trusting.* Philippians 1:28, *The Message*

No magic formula for success

"I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught. John 14:25-27, *The Message*

"This is God's Message, the God who made earth, made it livable and lasting, known everywhere as God: 'Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.' Jeremiah 33:2-3, *The Message*

More Life Lessons from Daniel

"While I was pouring out my heart, baring my sins and the sins of my people Israel, praying my life out before my God, interceding for the holy mountain of my God—while I was absorbed in this praying . . ." Daniel 9:20, *The Message*

Please turn to Daniel 10, where we will consider the following:

- Daniel maintained conscious contact with God.
- Daniel believed certain things about God, including:

- Humility released the angel to send Daniel understanding.
- Battles rage even among the angel-forces, slowing down Daniel's answer.
- It took a community to get Daniel what he needed.
- This divine encounter resulted in Daniel having a panic attack.
- The angel provided good gifts to Daniel on behalf of God.

[B]ut those who stay courageously loyal to their God will take a strong stand. Those who keep their heads on straight will teach the crowds right from wrong by their example. They'll be put to severe testing for a season: some killed, some burned, some exiled, some robbed. When the testing is intense, they'll get some help, but not much. Many of the helpers will be halfhearted at best. The testing will refine, cleanse, and purify those who keep their heads on straight and stay true, for there is still more to come. Daniel 11:32-35