

**Sun., Aug. 15**

Memory Verse: "Many plans are in a person's mind, but the Lord's purpose will succeed." -Proverbs 19:21

Message: Living in the Fire: Stand Down

Reading of Scripture & Sermon Scripture: Daniel 4:1-37

Blurb: In a strange twist, Daniel chapter 4 shows a pagan king proclaiming the true God! This Sunday we'll learn about holy humility and how we need to come to God, and our whole lives, acknowledging that all that we have and all that we accomplish is by the grace of God.

**[Recorded Worship Beginning]**

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*10,000 Reasons*

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Worship prayer -Pastor Andrew

**[Live Worship Beginning]**

**GATHERING SONG:** *Cover the Earth* -Sanctify

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**[Both Recorded & Live Worship]**

**PP Slide:** Generational Bridge

Daniel 4

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2. What did the angel say to do it that giant thing?
3. What did the king eat when he acted like an animal?

**GENERATIONAL BRIDGE -Pastor David**

Addressing the kids:

Come on family, it's time for our radio program. Kids, you're going to love this, too. It's a long and strange story from the Bible, Daniel chapter 4. It's a story you might not have ever heard before! So, during the program, listen for:

1. In the king's dream, he saw a giant something. What is it?
2. In the dream, an angel came down from heaven and said to do something to the giant thing he saw. What was to happen to that giant thing?
3. The king's dream came true a year later. During that time, the king behaved like an animal. When he did, what did he eat?

Listening? Here we go!

[Pastor David "turns on" radio and sits down on the couch.]

**SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 4:1-37 -Reader: Dramatic Reading Team**

4:1 King Nebuchadnezzar's message to all the peoples, nations, and languages inhabiting the entire earth: "I wish you much peace. 2 I'm delighted to share the signs and miracles that the Most High God has worked in my life.

3 His signs are superb!

His miracles so powerful!

His kingdom is everlasting.

His rule is for all time.

4 "While I, Nebuchadnezzar, was safe in my house, content in my palace, 5 I had a terrifying dream. My thoughts while I was lying in bed and the vision in my mind overwhelmed me. 6 I ordered all Babylon's sages to come before me, so they might tell me the dream's meaning. 7 So the dream interpreters, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners came. I told them the dream, but they couldn't interpret it for me. 8 Daniel, who is called Beltshazzar after the name of my god, was the last to come before me. In him is the breath of the holy gods! I told Daniel the dream:

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

9 "Beltshazzar, chief of the dream interpreters, I know the breath of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Tell me the meaning of the visions I had in my dream. 10 In my mind, as I lay in bed, I saw a vision:

At the center of the earth was a towering tree.

11 The tree grew in size and strength;  
it was as high as the sky;  
it could be seen from every corner of the earth.

12 Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant;  
it had enough food for everyone.

Wild animals took shade under it;

birds nested in its branches.

All living things lived off that tree.

13 "In my mind, as I lay in bed, I saw another vision: A holy watcher came down from heaven. 14 He proclaimed loudly:

'Cut down the tree and shear off its branches!

Strip its leaves and scatter its fruit!

The creatures should flee from its shelter;  
 the birds should take flight from its branches.  
 15 But leave its deepest root in the earth,  
 bound with iron and bronze in the field grass.  
 Dew from heaven is to wash it,  
 and it must live with the animals in the earth's vegetation.  
 16 Its[his] human mind is to be changed:  
 it[he] will be given the mind of an animal.  
 Seven periods of time will pass over it[him].  
 17 This sentence is by the watchers' decree;  
 this decision is the holy ones' word  
 so that all who live might know  
 that the Most High dominates human kingship.  
 The Most High gives kingship to anyone he wants  
 and sets over it the lowest of people.'

18 "This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. So now Belteshazzar, tell me the meaning because all the sages in my kingdom were unable to interpret it for me. But you are able to do it because the breath of the holy gods is in you."

Daniel interprets the visions

19 Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar, was shocked for a bit. What he thought about frightened him.

The king declared, "Don't let the dream and its meaning scare you, Belteshazzar."

Then Belteshazzar answered, "Sir, I wish the dream to be for those who hate you and its meaning to be for your enemies! 20 The tree you saw that grew in size and strength, that was as high as the sky, that could be seen from every corner of the earth, 21 with its beautiful leaves and its abundant fruit, and that had enough food for everyone, with wild animals living under it and birds nesting in its branches— 22 Your Majesty, that tree is you! You have grown large and become powerful. Your greatness is as high as the sky; your rule extends to the edge of the earth!

23 "Your Majesty, the holy watcher you saw coming down from heaven, who said, 'Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave its deepest root in the earth, bound with iron and bronze in the field grass, dew from heaven is to wash it, and it must live with the wild animals until seven periods of time pass over it'— 24 Your Majesty, this is the dream's meaning: It is the sentence of the Most High, delivered to my master the king. 25 You will be driven away from other humans and will live with the wild animals. You will eat grass like cattle and will be washed by dew from heaven. Seven periods of time will pass over you, until you acknowledge that the Most High dominates human kingship, giving it to anyone he wants. 26 And when he said to leave the deepest root of the tree—that means your kingship will again be yours, once you acknowledge that heaven rules all. 27 Therefore, Your Majesty, please accept my advice: remove your sins by doing what is right; remove your wrongdoing by showing mercy to the poor. Then your safety will be long lasting."

Visions come true

28 All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 Twelve months later, he was walking on the roof of the royal palace in Babylon. 30 The king declared, "Isn't this Babylon,

the magnificent city that I built as the royal house by my own mighty strength and for my own majestic glory?”

31 These words hadn't even left the king's mouth when a voice came from heaven: “You, King Nebuchadnezzar, are now informed: Kingship is taken away from you. 32 You will be driven away from other humans and will live with the wild animals. You will eat grass like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you acknowledge that the Most High dominates human kingship, giving it to anyone he wants.”

33 Nebuchadnezzar's sentence was immediately carried out. He was driven away from other humans and ate grass like cattle. Dew from heaven washed his body until he grew hair like eagles' feathers and claws like a bird.

Nebuchadnezzar is restored

34 “At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes to heaven. My reason returned to me, and I praised the Most High. I worshipped and glorified the one who lives forever because his rule is everlasting; his kingdom is for all time. 35 All of earth's inhabitants are nothing in comparison. The Most High does whatever he wants with heaven's forces and with earth's inhabitants. No one can contain his power or say to him, ‘What do you think you are doing?’ 36 So at that moment my reason returned to me. My honor and splendor came back to me for the glory of my kingdom. My associates and my princes wanted to be with me again. Not only was I reinstated over my kingdom, I received more power than ever before.

37 “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, worship, magnify, and glorify the king of heaven. All his works are truth, all his paths are justice, and he is able to humble all who walk in pride.”

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**GENERATIONAL BRIDGE, CONTINUED -Pastor David**

[Pastor David turns off the radio.]

Wasn't that exciting? Thanks for listening.

- So, kids,
1. In the king's dream, he saw a giant something. What is it? [Giant tree]
  2. In the dream, an angel came down from heaven and said to do something to that giant thing. What was to happen to it? [Cut it down]
  3. The king's dream came true a year later. During that time, the king behaved like an animal. When he did, what did he eat? [Grass]

And now, in the sermon, we're going to hear how we can stand faithfully with God, no matter what.

**MESSAGE: Strange Fire Series (Daniel) Living in the Fire #4: Stand Down**

**PP#1:** (Daniel) Living in the Fire: Stand Down

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, worship, magnify, and glorify the king of heaven. All His works are truth, all His paths are justice, and He is able to humble all who walk in pride.” -Daniel 4:37

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**PP#2:** *Image of a child not sure he should be thankful (say grace) for a yucky dinner*

Most people really don't think that they need God. A study just published having recently surveyed Americans showed that the majority of Americans believe God is real, but distant. God does not actively medal in people's lives very much. Most people “go it alone,” so to speak. We build our lives, we earn our way, and we take care of ourselves. We only need God when things go wrong, right? This comes out at the dinner table, when someone asks an innocent question: “If we spent *our* money—what we earned by working—to buy this food, why do we say ‘thank you’ to God for it?” The standard answer is, “We should be thankful.” Yes, but we still struggle to believe that all we enjoy actually comes from God. Okay, maybe we “get” that God gives us life, and gives us creation, yes, but what we make with it, is up to us. The maxim we actually live by is that when we work hard and make good decisions, then we have food to eat...and money...and education...and necessities...and toys. *We* build our own lives.

Now, this is true, to some extent. We do have a direct influence on what we have in life. If you don't work hard and make good choices, it's fairly likely you will enjoy lots less than what you could. If you don't go to work, you probably won't be able to buy that car.

But it is also true that this is *also not true*, to some extent. I mean, this is a key component in our racism dialogue right now. Some people enjoy privileges that others do not, and some of these privileges are what they have NOT earned. Whites, overall, have had more privileges than minorities in our country, and therefore, historically, Whites have been able to build better lives.

And when we stop to think, we recognize that we all enjoy some benefits that we have not earned ourselves. Those of us who have never served in the military, for example, acknowledge that the freedom we enjoy is not free. We have inherited a great country (although not without faults), but we do have a role in what kind of country we are now and will be in the future.

**PP#3:** “Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all.” - James 1:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are taught to stop before we eat and give thanks to God for the food we bought with the money we earned. We're learning an even deeper reality: that it is our God who has made everything, supports everything, works all things together, and to a much greater extent than we normally recognize, controls things.

So, part of the tension of being a disciple is to learn, as we have been doing from Daniel, how to stand up—to work hard, give it our all, serve God the best we can with zeal and gladness—while also learning how to *stand down* and grow in personal humility that acknowledges that “Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all.” (James 1:17)

**PP#4:** Daniel 1: The Four Friends Stand Up and Live God's Way  
 Chapter 2: Daniel Stands Out and Points to the True God  
 Chapter 3: The Three Stand Firm through Fire  
 Chapter 4: King Nebuchadnezzar learns humility

This is the main message of Daniel 4. We've been following our four heroes over the last three chapters, learning how we can also live faithfully in the fires of life. In Chapter 1 the four friends showed us how to Stand Up and live God's way. In Chapter 2 Daniel shows us how to Stand Out as he interprets the king's dream by pointing to the One True God. And last week we saw in Chapter 3 that Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego Stand Firm for God while facing the fiery furnace.

But in Chapter 4, surprisingly, the irascible King of Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar, takes the spotlight. The three friends aren't mentioned, and Daniel has only a supporting role. So, today, we learn what NOT to do, from someone who brings his personal testimony of what he did wrong, and learns the hard way. Turn to Daniel 4.

**PP#5:** *Carved image from Babylonian artifacts/sculptures of King Nebuchadnezzar II "The Great" subtitled, King Nebuchadnezzar II "The Great" of the Neo-Babylonian Empire (605-562 BC)*

This is the last scene with King Nebuchadnezzar. In the next chapter we see his successor has taken over. But here, Chapter 4 records a proclamation from the king, who recounts a pretty dramatic personal journey he had been on over the past number of years. So, this comes sometime after the events of chapter 3, perhaps about 20 years later. And his proclamation shockingly begins with a profession that the one True God is the Most High God. And he erupts in a faithful doxology, verse 3: "How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom, His dominion endures from generation to generation."

Wow, pretty amazing testimony coming from a king who previously had been proclaiming the greatness of the Babylonian high God. So, how did he get to be such a staunch supporter of the True God as the *only* real God? Well, between verses 3 and 4 we need a flashback banner, like we see in TV shows, you know, saying "Ten years earlier...."

**PP#6:** *Image of Nebuchadnezzar's vision of a massive tree*

Verse 4, ten years earlier, the king was in his luxurious palace, all contented in the life and empire he had built for himself. And he says that he again had a dream of visions, and, verse 5, it terrified him. You see, he had a good guess that the large...what? tree!...in his dream was himself. Archeological note: one of the artifacts discovered from Nebuchadnezzar is a building inscription in which Babylon is compared to a large, spreading tree. Evidently he thought of himself and his empire as a large tree. So, when the angel proclaimed that the tree was to be cut down, the king woke up terrified. Also note that in verse 15, the pronoun changes from referring to the tree as an "it" to a "him." Clue!

Again, like back in chapter 2, none of his other advisors and diviners could interpret the dream. So, in comes Daniel, again. And notice, in verse 9, the king at that point still believes that Daniel has the spirit of not just Daniel's God, but of all the gods. The king was not yet proclaiming that Daniel's God was the *only* true God, like he was in the opening of the chapter.

**PP#7:** Daniel 4

17 "This sentence is by the messengers' decree;  
the holy ones declare this decision,  
so that all who live might know  
that the Most High is sovereign over human kingship.

The Most High gives kingship to anyone He wants  
and sets over it the lowest of people.”

25b “Seven periods of time will pass over you, until you acknowledge that the Most High dominates human kingship, giving it to anyone He wants.”

Well, as the dream’s meaning sinks in, verse 19, Daniel realizes it’s bad news. God was going to cut down the mighty tree, who is indeed the king and his vast empire. The king will suffer a mental breakdown, and go off for seven periods—maybe that means years—and behave like an animal. He’ll live out on the hills and eat...grass.

But why? Why would God do that? Well, the opening of the chapter gives us a hint, when the king is boldly professing God as the only true God. And right in the dream the angelic messenger explains why: verse 17, “This sentence is by the messengers’ decree; the holy ones declare this decision, so that all who live might know that the Most High is sovereign over human kingship. The Most High gives kingship to anyone He wants and sets over it the lowest of people.” Verse 25, “Seven periods of time will pass over you, until you acknowledge that the Most High dominates human kingship, giving it to anyone He wants.” God is telling the king to stand down.

**PP#8:** Daniel 4

27 “Therefore, Your Majesty, please accept my advice: remove your sins by doing what is right; remove your wrongdoing by showing mercy to the poor. Then your safety will be long lasting.”

That’s why Daniel adds his own advice. He urges the king to change his ways, to stop being so pompous and prideful, and instead humble himself before God. Verse 27, Therefore, Your Majesty, please accept my advice: remove your sins by doing what is right; remove your wrongdoing by showing mercy to the poor. Then your safety will be long lasting.” Stop acting so puffed up, treating others however you want, being so self absorbed.

But, as you and I know from personal experience, it is a hard thing to look at your plate of food, that you purchased with your own money, money that you earned by your own work, and see why you should give thanks to God! It is a hard thing to look at your promotion, your weekend car, your TaylorMade golf clubs, and not start to puff up with self pride. This is your life, and *you* have made it good! You have worked hard, made hard decisions, and lived right. Here, right here, is the payout. Look what you have accomplished! And God gets pushed more and more distant. When your empire of blessing grows, it is harder and harder to need God.

**PP#9:** *Image of Babylon’s fabled Hanging Gardens*

King Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom grew vast: it absorbed all the known world. And the king’s building campaign—bragging campaign—matched it. The Romans later recorded how the walls of the capital had a hundred gates and were so wide that a four-horse chariot could turn around while running on top of them. The Greek historian Herodotus recorded how in Babylon was a temple with a tower 300’ high with several colossal, solid-gold statues weighing many tons. And also in Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar built one of the ancient world’s Seven Wonders, the fabled Hanging Gardens. His empire truly was a vast tree that spread out over the ends of the earth and towered high into the sky. Daniel saw it all, everyone did...and so did God.

**PP#10: Daniel 4**

28 All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 Twelve months later, he was walking on the roof of the royal palace in Babylon. 30 The king declared, ‘Isn’t this Babylon, the magnificent city that I built as the royal house by my own mighty strength and for my own majestic glory?’

33 Nebuchadnezzar’s sentence was immediately carried out. He was driven away from other humans and ate grass like cattle. Dew from heaven washed his body until he grew hair like eagles’ feathers and claws like a bird.

One year after the dream, Nebuchadnezzar was walking along the top wall of his palace that overlooked the magnificent city he had built. And his heart swelled, and his mouth spoke his inner pride: “Wow, isn’t Babylon magnificent! To think that I built this all as my royal house! I did it! Dang, I’m good! And this tells the whole world just how awesome I am!”

This story is Scripture. And that means it is intended to reveal God’s truth to us. Now in this story, we aren’t supposed to identify with Daniel. It’s really not about him. We are supposed to take a close look at Nebuchadnezzar and see if we can see even a bit of ourselves in him.

Reading the Bible is dangerous. It makes us look at ourselves honestly. As I was wrestling with this chapter, I saw three ways that I look just a bit too much like Nebuchadnezzar. Maybe you can resonate.

**PP#11: Living in the Fire: Stand Down!**

## 1. Give God thanks for my food

Right away I’m convicted that at least some part of me thinks that I’ve provided my own food. I’ve earned my stuff. I’ve built my life, and I’ve not done too bad of a job. My comforts attest to my success. I wouldn’t have been able to go on vacation if I hadn’t been careful with my money...sorry, dear, *our* money...okay, *your* money! But we’ve built our successful lives! And at least part of me takes credit for that, and feels pride. Now, that’s not necessarily bad. I should take pride in living well, and living right. But the problem comes when I start to puff up. You see, I am invested in my life, but I also have to remember that I’m *only a junior partner*. God didn’t punish Nebuchadnezzar for being rich, or for building an empire. God came after him because he took all the glory for himself. And that’s our danger. When we look more and more at our successful lives, we look less and less at God. When I was watching soccer during the Olympics, one of the athletes scored an amazing goal: kicked the ball right into the sweet spot. That athlete—I can’t even remember now who or what team—turned to the player that had passed him the ball and pointed right *at him*. He was saying, “This goal was not me. It was you. You set it up perfectly. I would have not been able to do anything if you hadn’t given it to me so perfectly.” Be careful not to grab the limelight. Humbly point to God, and give Him thanks for your food!

**PP#12: Living in the Fire: Stand Down!**

1. Give God thanks for my food
2. Desire your significance be for God

Another way I am a bit just too much like Nebuchadnezzar is that I want my legacy to be recognized by others. As people we desire to be acknowledged, appreciated and remembered. Again, not bad. But in what ways do we build monuments for ourselves? In our younger years we want to



be recognized as valuable, as important. We want to make a difference, have significance, *to be* significant. We want to be given leadership, to do things our way...so we can make everything better: you know, our way. In our middle-ages, we wonder what good we've been able to do, what value our lives have. What are we doing all day long, anyway? What's it all about? We want the corner office, the title, the trophy spouse, the status car, the marks that show we're successful. In our older years we think about our legacies. How will we be remembered? What monuments will mark our lives: gifts, endowments, memorials, plaques?

As a historian, I often think about how the vast majority of amazing people are never remembered. A hundred years from now, what lasts? Businesses fold and collapse...in my lifetime Montgomery Wards and Sears, each at one time the largest companies on earth, are all but gone. Countries change. Empires collapse. Dynasties end. And even our own individual "nests" we, at best, can pass on to our kids, corrupting and spoiling them.

But in all this we keep ourselves in the limelight. What truly lasts is whatever God is doing. Nebuchadnezzar's vision in chapter 2 was that although Babylon would fade into ruin, God's Kingdom would last forever. Nebuchadnezzar eventually got this. He proclaimed, "God's Kingdom is an eternal Kingdom, His dominion endures from generation to generation!" (4:3)

How much more fulfilling to invest in what lasts. Jesus says in Matthew 6:20 "Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them." Desire your significance be found in God's plan, in God's will, even when no one else will ever notice or remember. Only then will we actually be significant!

**PP#13: Living in the Fire: Stand Down!**

1. Give God thanks for my food
2. Desire my significance be for God
3. Keep God as king

And a third way I—and perhaps we all—look a bit too much like Nebuchadnezzar, is that we don't take God as seriously as we ought. With all the blessings we regularly enjoy, we begin to think too highly of ourselves. We feel a bit justified in deciding who God is and what God is like. God needs to make sense to us, we have to understand...and we grow bold enough to suggest that God can't be any way that we don't like, or are uncomfortable with. "To me God just couldn't allow such terrible things to happen to His beloved children." "I just can't believe in a God who lets people get away with such stuff!" "God doesn't heal some and not others...those good things some people get can't be from God." "I just can't accept a God who would send His Son to die for sins...My God simply forgives them."

We have grown in our hubris to where we put God on trial and demand that God make sense to us. Oh, remember King Nebuchadnezzar! What did he learn? Verse 37, "The King of Heaven...is able to humble all who walk in pride."

But he learned it the hard way. In his haughty pride, he suddenly suffered a bout of mental illness. His incredible mind failed, and he became like a wild animal. He no longer had self control, composure, an ability to rule, or even to act as a functioning person! He fled to the hills where he ate grass like an animal, let his nails grow long and thick like claws, and his body hair became long and weathered and covered his body like feathers. What a disgrace from his former glory!

After seven periods of time—perhaps seven years—God allowed him the capacity to become aware of his situation, and he acknowledged that his former glory was not his own doing, but that of his senior partner, the Most High God. King Nebuchadnezzar became humble before God.

In this case, God restored him to his former glory and position, actually even more so. God was still working a plan through him, but now God also gained a powerful witness. Unabashedly, King Nebuchadnezzar proclaims to the whole empire, “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, worship, magnify, and glorify the King of Heaven. All His works are truth, all His paths are justice, and He is able to humble all who walk in pride.” (Verse 37)

Church, dare to be a Daniel. Dare to be a Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego . And Dare to be a Nebuchadnezzar! Come before God in healthy humility: 1. Give thanks to God for all that you have. Use the lense of gratefulness to see your possessions and blessings. See God as your senior partner. 2. Desire that your significance, that your usefulness, that your purpose, will be in God’s eternal Kingdom. Let rust and decay have your memorials. Pursue what lasts! And 3. come before God with humility. Keep God as your King. Ask to learn of God and His character, don’t be so bold as to tell God what He ought to be. Keep seeking more of God, but rather than faith *after* understanding, come with faith *seeking* understanding. Let God be God, for God humbles the proud.

Tell the world not how wonderful you are and what you have done. Instead, tell the world, “I wish you much peace. I’m delighted to share the signs and miracles that the Most High God has worked in my life. His signs are superb! His miracles so powerful! His kingdom is everlasting. His rule is for all time.” (Daniel 4:1b-3)

Praise the High King of Heaven!

Amen.

**PRAYERS:** “Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)” -Pastor David

We join with King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:37, when he proclaims, “I worship, magnify, and glorify the king of heaven. All His works are truth, all His paths are justice, and He is able to humble all who walk in pride.”

We do it by praying the proclamation that Mary, the mother of Jesus, said, when the angel told her she would bear the Messiah, the Savior of the world. She prayed a fantastic prayer of holy humility to God, and we join her in praying this today!

Turn in your hymnal to *UMH* #199, it’s Luke 1:46b-55. Let’s pray!

**[IN-PERSON WORSHIP ONLY] CLOSING SONG:** *Another in the Fire* -Sanctify

**OFFERING:** -Pastor David

-Give of your monies to God’s work through this church. You can give in person, mail it in, drop it off or, most conveniently, you can make an electronic transfer or a debit card payment on the church website or by using the “square” on the bulletin.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** -Pastor David

Next Sunday’s message: Daniel 5 (New king, but more visions!)

**MEMORY VERSE** -Pastor David

“Many plans are in a person’s mind, but the Lord’s purpose will succeed.” -Proverbs 19:21

**BENEDICTION** -Pastor David