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*Romans 1:21-22; 28-29; 32*

What We Have to Keep Central:

- a. Christians have always lived in oppositional cultures
- b. Our enemy is Satan, not people
- c. God calls us to rescue people, not the culture
- d. Disagree with opinions, not people

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1. Upside down people can demand the impossible and penalize unjustly

*Daniel 2:1-13*

2. Right-side up people respond with perception, partnership and prayer

*Daniel 2:14-23*

Ask other Jesus followers around you to pray for you when you face challenging circumstances in an upside-down world.

3. When God provides what you need, give Him the credit

*Daniel 2:24-49*

Daniel didn't go looking for a challenge that day, but he did know where to go when it came to him.

### **Now What?**

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**Week of January 14**

Reliant

Home groups can be a place that helps us live “rooted and reaching” lives. You can get connected or hear the Sunday messages at [www.trinityonline.org](http://www.trinityonline.org).



**Share It**

When was a time you felt totally reliant on God to do something?



**Study the Bible**

The Bible is known as “God’s Word.” In these words, God reveals how we can know him and his blessings. Read “Daniel” chapter two and consider these questions.

How would you describe the Babylonian king?

What are Daniel’s responses to his situation and the people in his world?

What do we learn about God (including 20-23)? How does Daniel live out his faith?

How is God/Jesus the ultimate hero of this story?



## Discuss Together

What can we learn from Daniel's response to this situation and harsh people?

Why are difficult situations times when we learn about God?  
(Daniel's and our own)

How does Daniel demonstrate kinship and partnership with the fellow believers in his 'small group?' How might this apply to us today?

What does this story encourage in your own life?



## Pray

Daniel urged his friends to pray. He also told the king that "there is a God in heaven." Let's share and pray with our friends.

- Are you facing a difficult situation? Is there something only God can do?
- Who is someone in your world that you know needs God?
- Where do you need God's wisdom? Is God asking you to grow in some way?



## Apply It This Week

Call another person in your group to pray together. Be sure to pray for the "harsh" people in your world.