



**Courage**  
Message 4  
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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com), [biblestudytools.com](http://biblestudytools.com), or [bible.com](http://bible.com). Find a Small Group at [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

### Conversation Starter

Describe a time when you were afraid.

### Opening in Prayer

*Oh, that we might know the LORD! Let us press on to know Him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring.*

[Hosea 6:3 \(NLT\)](#)

Spend a few moments in prayer asking God to guide your time in His Word.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Daniel 4:1-18](#).

1. How is the king's request for help with his dream different from his earlier request in [Daniel 2:1-13](#)? Why do you think he changed?
2. What aspects of this dream might have caused the king to be afraid?

Read [Daniel 4:19-26](#)

3. Why do you think Daniel was frightened or dismayed in [verse 19](#)? How would you have felt if you were in Daniel's situation?
4. How would you paraphrase Daniel's words to the king in [verses 19](#) and [22](#)? Why is Daniel communicating this way?

Read [Daniel 4:27-37](#).

5. What sins of Nebuchadnezzar do you notice?
6. Why do you think God provided an interpretation of the king's dream, then waited 12 months to fulfill the dream?

7. How would you summarize what God wanted Nebuchadnezzar to learn through this experience (see verses [17](#), [25](#), [32](#), [34](#), [37](#))?
8. What good things did God bring out of Nebuchadnezzar's suffering?
9. Based on Daniel's example, what step could you take to help someone receive what God is trying to communicate to them? What could you do to be more receptive to what God is trying to communicate to you?
10. Which verse in this chapter is most significant to you? What does God want you to learn from that verse?

### Soul Training

Read a chapter from the Bible (maybe [Daniel 4](#)), then read it again while asking God which verse He wants you to remember and what He wants you to know. Write down your thoughts from God and share with a friend.

### Memory Verse

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.*

[2 Timothy 1:7 \(NLT\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Matthew 10:16-20](#)

Day 4: [Galatians 6:1-3](#)

Day 2: [Ephesians 4:11-16](#)

Day 5: [James 5:19-20](#)

Day 3: [2 Timothy 2:21-26](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 24, we'll deal with CONFRONTATION as we explore the *writing on the wall*. Read [Daniel chapter 5](#) to prepare.