

WHEN YOU'RE ASKED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE - DAN. 2:10-11

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²⁶ When he spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but, "Next time," he says, "I will not only shake the earth but the heavens too." ²⁷ By this he means that he will sift out everything without solid foundations so that only unshakable things will be left. *Hebrews 12:26-27 (TLB)*

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT PREDICTING THE FUTURE

1. God Says No One _____

⁷ Since no man knows the future, who can tell him what is to come? *Ecclesiastes 8:7 (NIV)*

2. All Psychics and Mediums are _____

²⁵ I make fools of fortunetellers and frustrate the predictions of astrologers. The words of the wise I refute and show that their wisdom is foolishness. *Isaiah 44:25 (TEV)*

⁶ "I will be against anyone who goes to mediums and fortune-tellers for advice, because that person is being unfaithful to me. So, I will cut him off from his people. *Leviticus 20:6 (NCV)*

3. The Test of a True Prophet of God is _____

²¹ "You may wonder how you can tell when a prophet's message does not come from the LORD.

²² If a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD and what he says does not come true, then it is not the LORD'S message. That prophet has spoken on his own authority, and you are not to fear him. *Deuteronomy 18:21-22 (TEV)*

¹⁹ But people will tell you to ask for messages from fortunetellers and mediums, who chirp and mutter. They will say, "After all, people should ask for messages from the spirits and consult the dead on behalf of the living." ²⁰ You are to answer them, "Listen to what the LORD is teaching you! Don't listen to mediums—what they tell you cannot keep trouble away." *Isaiah 8:19-20 (TEV)*

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE ASKED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

1. Don't _____ of Be _____

¹⁴ When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion. *Daniel 2:14 (NLT)*

2. Ask _____

¹⁵ He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So, Arioch told him all that had happened. *Daniel 2:15 (NLT)*

3. Ask for _____ To Create a _____

¹⁶ Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant. *Daniel 2:16 (NLT)*

4. Enlist _____ from Friends

¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house and explained the whole story to his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ¹⁸ Daniel asked his friends to pray that the God of heaven would show them mercy and help them understand this secret so he and his friends would not be killed with the other wise men of Babylon. *Daniel 2:17-18 (NCV)*

5. Pray and _____ God to Give _____

³ 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 33:3 (MSG)*

⁵ But if any of you lack wisdom, you should pray to God, who will give it to you; because God gives generously and graciously to all. ⁶ But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind. ⁷ If you are like that, unable to make up your mind and undecided in all you do, you must not think that you will receive anything from the Lord. *James 1:5-7 (TEV)*

6. _____ God!

¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. *Daniel 2:19 (ESV)*

➤ Praise God for _____

¹⁹ Then that same night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision, and he praised the God of heaven: ²⁰ "God is wise and powerful! Praise him forever and ever. *Daniel 2:19-20 (TEV)*

➤ Honor God for _____

²¹ He controls the times and the seasons; he makes and unmakes kings; it is he who gives wisdom and understanding. ²² He reveals things that are deep and secret; he knows what is hidden in darkness, and he himself is surrounded by light. ²³ I praise you and honor you, God of my ancestors. *Daniel 2:21-23a (TEV)*

➤ Thank God for _____

You have given me wisdom and strength; you have answered my prayer and shown us what to tell the king." *Daniel 2:23b (TEV)*

7. Use What _____ to help others

²⁴ Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him." *Daniel 2:24 (NIV)*

8. Point People _____

²⁶ The king said to Daniel (who was also called Belteshazzar), "Can you tell me what I dreamed and what it means?" ²⁷ Daniel replied, "Your Majesty, there is no wizard, magician, fortuneteller, or astrologer who can tell you that. ²⁸ But there is a God in heaven, who reveals mysteries. He has informed Your Majesty what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you the dream, the vision you had while you were asleep. ²⁹ "While Your Majesty was sleeping, you dreamed about the future; and God, who reveals mysteries, showed you what is going to happen. ³⁰ Now, this mystery was revealed to me, not because I am wiser than anyone else, but so that Your Majesty may learn the meaning of your dream and understand the thoughts that have come to you. *Daniel 2:26-30 (TEV)*