

MAGNIFIED: HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?

Part 2: God vs. The Problem

THE MAGNIFICATION PROCESS

- ❖ **Magnify; to become greater, to make great, to grow, to promote**
- ❖ **Awareness is connected to magnification**
 - ◆ Awareness is impacted by what you keep on your mind
 - ◆ Awareness is impacted by what you keep in your mouth
- ❖ **The right awareness can be a huge help when facing problems (*Ps 119:78 NKJV*)**
 - ◆ Underscores the value of scripture - you can't typically make the problems just go away

DANIEL VS. A KING: BIG GOD VS. LITTLE GOD

- ❖ **Both men had problems**
 - ◆ The king could lose his best man. Daniel could lose his life in a horrible way.
- ❖ **Two ways of dealing with the problem (*Daniel 6:10-11, 13-14 NKJV*)**
 - ◆ The king labored (wore himself out) trying to solve the problem
 - ◆ Daniel got down on his knees and prayed
- ❖ **Two very different outcomes (*Daniel 6:16, 18-23 NKJV*)**
 - ◆ The king - said the right thing, but his actions revealed what he truly believed
 - ◆ Daniel truly believed that God would help him
 - ◆ One man magnified God and slept, the most powerful man in the land magnified the problem and went sleepless

MAGNIFYING GOD ABOVE YOUR PROBLEMS

- ❖ **Choose the best approach: Figure it out on your own or pray about it**
 - ◆ Daniel had established prayer in his life before the problem hit
 - ◆ A simple prayer pattern ACTS
 - A = Adoration (praise to God)
 - C = Confession (who God is to you and you are to Him)
 - T = Thanksgiving (what God has done/is doing)
 - S = Supplication (asking for His help)
- ❖ **Practice giving problems to God and directing your thoughts**
 - ◆ The king worried all night - did not help the situation
 - ◆ Our Heavenly Father wants us to give our concerns to Him (*1 Peter 5:6-7 NKJV*)
- ❖ **Don't ever abandon your believing that God can still shut the lion's mouth (*2 Timothy 4:17-18 NKJV*)**
 - ◆ Make a choice to believe that God is bigger than your "lion"
 - ◆ When you talk about God talk big - He is Big Time Good and Big Time Powerful
 - ◆ Give Him thanks for his help in your life