

## BABYLON: Are you able?

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Text: Daniel 2:1-49 (page 737-739)

### THE BEST OF WHAT'S AROUND – Daniel 2:1-12 (page 737-738)

If you live for self or for the world, then insecurity and pride will be your closest companions.

### DEPENDENCE – Daniel 2:17-23 (page 738)

Our prayerlessness can be a painful reminder of how much influence our modern day Babylon has on us.

Prayer is the inevitable confession of our weaknesses and limitations.

#### BIG QUESTION #1 –

Daniel 2:26 (page 738)

### DEFLECTION – Daniel 2:27-30 (page 738)

I cannot do it...but I know a God in Heaven who can.

A posture of dependence leads to a lifestyle of deflection.

#### BIG QUESTION #2 –

### DECLARE – Daniel 2:30-38 (page 738-739)

A lifestyle of deflection is eager to declare God's greatness.

God uses us to let others know that there is a God in Heaven who knows them personally.

### APPLICATION: PRAY – *God, I can't but you can.*

Over time, you will find yourself growing more dependent, quicker to deflect glory, and more unashamed to declare God's greatness.

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

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3. When we face a difficult situation, why don't we go to prayer first?
4. Do you find it hard to depend on God in areas of your competence?
5. During this time and age, how do we stand up for God and remain steadfast in what we believe, without compromising?
6. Heart check: At the end of the day, who do you promote? God or yourself? (Who gets the credit for anything good?)

Further study: Philippians 2:1-11, Joshua 1:9

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