

Dunford Family Ministries



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He's Got It Covered!



Sweet Phoebe playing in the yard!

Partners and Friends,

Lately the Lord has been meeting me between the pages of Daniel. Up until now, my primary recollection of the book consisted of a miracle in a lion's den and heavenly protection for three boys thrown in a fiery furnace. But as you might already know, there is so much more to this ageless accounting.

What has captured my attention most is how God covered His bases. Throughout the Old Testament, God warned His people to continue to walk uprightly before Him or they would fall on hard times. (The book of Deuteronomy covers that pretty well). And as time progressed, they'd blow it and God would allow some other group to push them around enough to get their attention (The book of Judges is all about that). But finally a day comes that His

people get so stubborn and set in their ways, they won't listen to the messengers He sends them.

At that point, The king of Babylon comes to town and besieges the capital city and takes some of the best and brightest of Israel's youth into custody. Now most of the time, an opposing kingdom will see the need to exterminate any possible threat of an uprising, but it seems God had another plan. To me, it looks like He placed Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah right "smack dab" in the king's court to accomplish a two-fold purpose. *One:* Judgment upon Israel for repeated disobedience. *Two:* Witness to Nebuchadnezzar and all of Babylon that He alone was God.

The daily devos this month will be heavily influenced by the lessons God teaches me through this magnificent and relevant book! Please keep your comments about the devotional coming!

October has been quite a ride (pun intended)! The first part of the month we spent time with our friends at Blue Ridge Christian Church in Missouri (about an hour north of Kansas City). We shared in

5 services and spent our nights at The Miracle Hills Ranch. Thank you to the countless people who served us meals and covered every possible need. On the way home, we trekked over to Branson and took the children to see Sight and Sound Theater's "Noah, The Musical." The show is a must see for the entire family! And since we arrived home, we've been on the move. We appreciate all the pastors, church leadership and education administration that invite us to inspire and encourage those they serve.

And thank you for all you do to help make all this possible. May Our Father in heaven continue to richly bless your willingness and obedience. We love you!

Don't forget to let us know how to pray with and for you this month!

Lorenzo & Jennifer



Thank you, Blue Ridge!