

DANIEL

LIVING AS FAITHFUL STRANGERS

God's Graffiti Daniel 5

First, God is closer than you think when you make _____.

Daniel 5:1-6, ¹ King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. ² While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. ³ So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. ⁵ Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶ His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way.

Psalms 94:4, 7, 9, "All the evildoers are full of boasting. . . . They say, 'The LORD does not see.' . . . "Does he who implanted the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see?"

Numbers 32:23, "You may be sure that your sin will find you out."

Galatians 6:7, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."

Second, since you can't run from God, run _____.

²⁵ "This is the inscription that was written:

Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin

²⁶ "This is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. ²⁷ Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. ²⁸ Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

²⁹ Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰ That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, ³¹ and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.