

Women's Bible Study  
***The Heart's Cry: A Look at Heartfelt Prayer***  
*The Heart's Cry for Deliverance – Daniel 2:14-23*  
*Jann Wright – January 20, 2010*

Intensive Study Questions

1. Read Daniel Chapters 1 and 2.
2. Daniel likely grew up in the wake of King Josiah's reforms. Read about the reforms in 2 Kings 22:1-20 and 2 Kings 23:1-25. How might these have influenced Daniel as he grew up?
3. Obviously, Daniel had Godly influences in his early life. What are some specific ways that you can be a Godly influence to your children, grandchildren, and other children in your circle of influence? Choose one Bible Verse that sums up your strategy.
4. In Daniel Chapter 1 we read about how Daniel took a stand to avoid eating the food and wine from the King's table. Daniel in chapter 2 continues to stand with the God of the Bible. What are some areas in our culture in which you have resolved to take a Biblical stand? Please give a Biblical reference to support your Biblical stand.

What in the culture challenges or weakens your resolve regarding those Biblical stands? What can you do to strengthen your resolve in those areas?

5. Daniel enlisted the help of his three friends to pray, do you have three friends that you can go to that will pray with you in difficult times?

If yes, ask them to help you pray about something in your life this week.

If not, what are some barriers that prevent the development of prayer partners in our lives? How can we overcome them?

6. Daniel's prayer of thanksgiving in Daniel 2:20-23 lists at least seven reasons why God is worthy of our praise. Name some of those reasons.
7. What lessons will you take away from the life of Daniel to use in your own prayer life?

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Discussion Questions

1. In your group read Daniel's prayer of thanksgiving to God aloud, Daniel 2:20-23. At least seven reasons are given in this passage for why God is worthy of our praise. Name some of those reasons. What does this mean for our prayers centuries later?
  
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