

Daniel 4:4-5 NLT

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living in my palace in comfort and prosperity.  
But one night I had a dream that frightened me; I saw visions that terrified me as I lay in my bed.

## Confrontation done right is about love not hate!

### 4 Principles to God-honoring confrontation:

#### 1. The context of confrontation must be relationship

Daniel 2:48-49 NIV

Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

#### 2. The posture of confrontation must be humility

Daniel 4:19 NLT

"Upon hearing this, Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar) was overcome for a time, frightened by the meaning of the dream. Then the king said to him, 'Belteshazzar, don't be alarmed by the dream and what it means.'

"Belteshazzar replied, 'I wish the events foreshadowed in this dream would happen to your enemies, my lord, and not to you!'

#### 3. The purpose of confrontation must be restoration

Daniel 4:27 NIV

Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.

#### 4. The result of confrontation must have hope

Daniel 4:26 NIV

The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules.

Daniel 4:36-37 NLT

"When my sanity returned to me, so did my honor and glory and kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored as head of my kingdom, with even greater honor than before.

"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble the proud."