

THE PLAYING FIELD OF THE GODS

Push Back

POINTS TO PONDER:

- The world can see the reality of God as it is displayed in my personal life.
- At some point in life you will find yourself in need of supernatural help.
- The supernatural should be commonplace among believers.
- God wants to demonstrate His power in your life by revealing the secrets of His kingdom to you.
- You don't have to fret the impossible when you believe God can do the supernatural.
- We cannot win the world when all we have to offer is religious relics

READ Luke 10:18-19

- Satan doesn't come to kill immediately. He comes to poison your faith.
- He puts a drop of poison in, then backs away and lets the poison work.
- Don't let the poisons of life and circumstances cause you to give up on God.

READ Daniel 2:1 – 49

SYNOPSIS: Daniel finds himself in a severe predicament. The astrologers, magicians, and enchanters of the royal palace have been issued a challenge. Either tell the king his dream with its interpretation or die. The king's astrologers and magicians cannot achieve such an impossible task. They state to the king that no human can fulfill such a request. Furthermore, they state this is only possible in the 'realm of the gods'. No one, despite their spiritual aptitude, can fulfill the king's request. So the heads of all shall roll. The king's chief of staff goes to inform Daniel that an edict has been issued for the death of Daniel. He and his friends are part of the royal court. Daniel asks the reasoning. Daniel then asks for time to pray to his God. He states that his God can interpret the secrets of the heart of men. Daniel is giving the time he asks for. He and his friends pray. God gives Daniel the dream and the interpretation of the dream. He appears before the king and states that his God has revealed the secret of the king's heart. Daniel's interpretation is true. He and his friends, along with all the other magicians and astrologers are spared. Daniel is promoted and given great favor.

DISCUSSION:

- Why do you think the astrologers and magicians labeled the king's request as an impossible task - a task only the gods could fulfill?
- Why are many Christians comfortable with the supernatural in every other realm but church?
- Many run to horoscopes, tarot cards, ouija boards, palm reading for direction, but have no part in trusting the Holy Spirit. Why so?
- God can't fix you without the supernatural. Explain.
- Have you ever found yourself at an impossible place? How did you react?
- How has religious thinking destroyed belief in a supernatural God?
- Talk about a time when you saw the supernatural hand of God at work.

READ 1 Cor. 2:1 – 12

- Through the Holy Spirit, God reveals mysteries & secrets. Do you believe this?
- God does the impossible to redeem hurting people.
- God wants to reveal His thoughts and plans to you. Why do you think this is important to God?
- How does the world's wisdom differ from God's wisdom?
- Do you expect supernatural things to transpire in your life?
- Are you more prone to believing in luck and fate than the supernatural hand of God?