

**Kingdom Expectations – Part 6:
Life Between the Whatevers – Dan.3:13-18; I Tim.2:1-6**

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 The “Johari Window” of self-knowledge → extended to daily life circumstances
- 0.2 Last week: what we know to expect (from Jesus & Paul); this week – *unknown* variables
- 0.3 *Everyone* lives with degree of *uncertainty* (faith in something/someone)
- 0.4 We are experiencing record levels of anxiety/depression these days, for two big reasons:
COVID + presidential elections = huge variables that resist predictability
- 0.5 How do we hold steady and balanced in the face of what we don’t know or control?

1.0 Daniel’s Friends in the Face of Uncertainty

- 1.1 What they know: God rules, and is capable without limits – Dan.3:17
- 1.2 What they also know: God is able to: create (Gen.1), elicit praise from stones (Lk.3:8), extend abounding grace (II Cor.9:8), do more than we can imagine (Eph.3:20), subdue all (Phil.3:21) and raise the dead (Heb.11:19)
- 1.3 More knowns include ‘the big three’ God factors: omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence
- 1.4 What they don’t know, distinguished - Dan.3:18

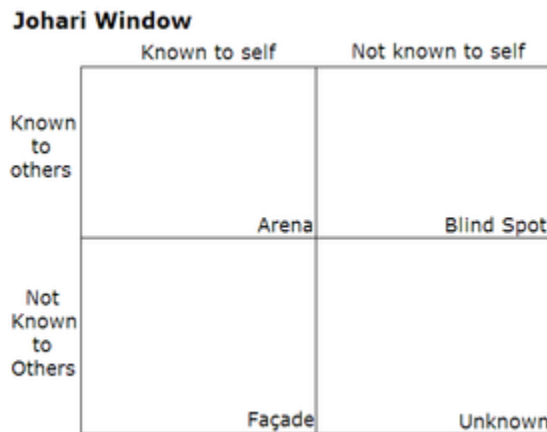
2.0 Paul in the Face of Uncertainty

- 2.1 A catalogue of uncertainty and dangers – II Cor.11:23-29
- 2.2 What he knows: ‘my God is able’ to: create (Gen.1), elicit praise from stones (Lk.3:8), extend abounding grace (II Cor.9:8), do more than we can imagine (Eph.3:20), subdue all (Phil.3:21) and raise the dead (Heb.11:19), etc. – note ditto here!
- 2.3 What he knows he doesn’t know prompts him to “boast” in weakness - II Cor.11:30

3.0 Certainty in Uncertain Seasons

- 3.1 Routineness and predictability are important to us, but ephemeral
- 3.2 What you know: God is my Rock (and Fortress) – Pss.19:14; 31:3

Next week (Nov.8) – New Sermon Series – Details TBA



Daniel 3:13-18 (NASB)

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; then these men were brought before the king.

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar began speaking and said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods, nor worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery and bagpipe, and all kinds of musical instruments, to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, *very well*. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can rescue you from my hands?”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied to the king, “Nebuchadnezzar, we are not in need of an answer to give you concerning this matter. ¹⁷ If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will rescue us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But *even* if *He does* not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods nor worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NASB)

A Call to Prayer

² First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercession, *and* thanksgiving be made in behalf of all people, ² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and mankind, *the* man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.