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Questions for Personal Reflection
And Group Discussion

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3. In verse 27 we see that Daniel advised Nebuchadnezzar to change his ways. Apparently, Dan thought that God would have withheld judgment if Nebuchadnezzar had repented. For some biblical counsel on lovingly confronting and correcting others, see Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:15; 2 Tim. 3:16; 4:2.

4. Why did God allow a year to pass before the predicted judgment was fulfilled? Consider 2 Peter 3:9.

5. To read more on God as the ruler of all, see Is. 40:15; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-26; Rom 13:1.

6. Can you think of stories that are currently in the news which illustrate the principle that “whoever exalts himself will be humbled; and whoever humbles himself will be exalted” (Matt. 23:12)?

7. God’s purpose in giving the dream is repeated three times in this chapter (vs. 17, 25, 32). What will it take for you to fully acknowledge that God ultimately rules in the universe and in your life?

8. If you are studying this material in a group, see if you can incorporate some of what Nebuchadnezzar said about God in your prayers.
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