

*But the king said to the astrologers, "I am serious about this. If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble! But if you tell me what I dreamed and what the dream means, I will give you many wonderful gifts and honors. Just tell me the dream and what it means!"*

**Daniel 2:5-6 (NLT)**

*The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed. And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends. **Daniel 2:12-13 (NLT)***

## HOW A GODLY LEADER RESPONDS TO PRESSURE

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN THE PRESSURE GETS HOT

*When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. **Daniel 2:14 (NIV)***

*He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened. **Daniel 2:15 (NLT)***

*Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. **Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)***

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE SOURCE OF YOUR PRESSURE

*Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant. **Daniel 2:16 (NLT)***

*Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you your dream and the visions you saw as you lay on your bed." **Daniel 2:27-28 (NLT)***

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS

*Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon.*

**Daniel 2:17-18 (NLT)**

*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. **Daniel 2:48-49 (NIV)***

### 4. KEEP MY FOCUS ON \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 2:29-45 (NLT)**

*When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also." This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.*

*Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. **Hebrews 12:26-28 (NLT)***