

SERIES: The Resilient

TITLE: Daniel 5

SPEAKER: Guest Pastor Ryan Fasani

PASSAGE: Daniel 5:1-6, Luke 15:20

DATE: May 27-28, 2023



MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

“Religious people work so hard to get high that they never see life from below.” Catherine A.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The opening song was an old favorite: *The Heart of Worship*. One of the lines in the song goes like this: “For a song in itself is not what you have required, you search much deeper within.” How does this relate to the quote by Catherine?
- How do you feel about Catherine’s statement? Is she exaggerating, or off base?
- Do you feel a bit of embarrassment about the image you project as a “religious person?”
- Do you feel yourself “numbing” to the world’s issues and problems? Are there issues that you should respond to but numb yourself to them?
- Can you relate to the numbing method that Ryan demonstrated with his fingers?
- Ryan talked about “numbing” and “willful distraction”. What is the difference between the two?
- Share an issue or reality in today’s world that you are intentionally ignoring. Are you willfully distracting yourself from it?
- What are your thoughts on this statement from Ryan? “The older brother is Babylon; the younger son is us”?
- Discuss steps we can take to minimize our numbing and willful distraction that Catherine says characterizes religious people today.

MESSAGE TAKEAWAY #2 – NUMBING AND BLINDNESS ARE THE TWO ENEMIES OF RESILIENCE.