

當趁可尋找的時候尋找祂

SEEK HIM WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

不一樣的勇氣 講道系列 The Courage to Be Different Part 7

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主題 **Theme**：不要測試上帝的忍耐極限。We must not test God's patience.

前言：上帝會不會失去耐心？

Introduction: Does God Ever Lose His Patience?

- ✦ 彼得後書三章 9 節「主沒有遲延他的應許，就如有人以為他是遲延，其實他是寬容你們，不願一人沉淪，而是人人都來悔改。」(2 Peter 3:9)

一、伯沙撒王和但以理

King Belshazzar and Daniel

- ✦ 但以理書五章 6 節「就變了臉色，心意驚惶，腰骨好像脫節，雙膝彼此相碰。」(Daniel 5:6)
- ✦ 但以理書五章 13-14 節「於是但以理被領到王面前。王問但以理說：『你就是我父王從猶大帶來、被擄的猶大人但以理嗎？我聽說你裏頭有神明的靈，心中有光，又有聰明和高超的智慧。』」(Daniel 5:13-14)
- ✦ 但以理書五章 22-23 節「伯沙撒啊，你是他的兒子，你雖知道這一切，卻不謙卑自己，竟向天上的主自高。」(Daniel 5:22-23)
- ✦ 但以理書五章 30-31 節「當夜，迦勒底王伯沙撒被殺。瑪代人大流士年六十二歲，取了迦勒底國。」(Daniel 5:30-31)

二、上帝不會永遠對罪人有耐心

God Will Not Bear With Sinners Forever

- ⊕ 帖撒羅尼迦前書五章 2-3 節「因為你們自己明明知道，主的日子來到會像賊在夜間突然來到一樣。人正說平安穩定的時候，災禍忽然臨到他們，如同陣痛臨到懷胎的婦人一樣，他們絕逃脫不了。」(1 Thessalonians 5:2-3)

三、我們不要測試上帝的忍耐極限

We Must Not Test God's Patience

- ⊕ 以賽亞書五十五章 6 節「當趁耶和華可尋找的時候尋找他，在他接近的時候求告他。」(Isaiah 55:6)

反思及討論問題 Questions for Meditation and Discussion

1. 你最近一次對別人失去耐心是什麼時候？你覺得那時失去耐心算是合理的還是不合理？為什麼？
Think of a time recently when you lost patience with someone. Was it reasonable or unreasonable for you to lose patience? Why was it reasonable or unreasonable?
2. 你覺得上帝對伯沙撒王失去耐心是合理的嗎？為什麼？
Was it reasonable for God to lose patience with Belshazzar? Why or why not?
3. 上帝好像給尼布甲尼撒王比較多次機會，這是否代表祂對伯沙撒王不公平？
God seems to have given Nebuchadnezzar more warnings than Belshazzar. Was this unfair?
4. 你在哪些方面跟伯沙撒王一樣？你生命中有什麼偶像？你是否有對神不夠尊敬的時候？你有沒有曾在上帝給你警告時，卻沒有學到教訓的經驗？
In what ways are you like Belshazzar? Are there idols in your life? Do you show inadequate respect to God? Have you failed to learn from the warnings you have been given?
5. 若我們在基督裡，也就是若我們已經信了耶穌，我們不會被定罪，也不需要懼怕。但你覺得上帝有時也會對基督徒失去耐心嗎？你有留心把從神的話語和講道中學習到的，應用在生活中嗎？
If we are in Christ—that is, we trust in him—we do not need to fear that we will be condemned. But do you think God sometimes also loses patience with Christians? Are you careful to put into practice the things you learn from the Bible or from sermons?
6. 若有人不在基督裡，他將面臨永遠失喪的危險。你是否已經認自己的罪、悔改，並接受耶穌作你的救主和生命的主了呢？
If someone is not yet in Christ, they are in danger of being eternally lost. Have you repented of your sins and taken Jesus as your Lord and Savior?