

Big Idea:

I can **Excelerate** my spiritual growth by taking my **Next Steps**

“Thus says the Lord ‘...speak to all the cities of Judah ... Do not diminish a word. Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, so that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings” jeremiah26/2>3

Why God Chooses to Re-Write History...

***Humble Yourself**

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride” daniel4/37

“...humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time” 1Peter5/6

***Repent Often**

*** Deal with problems Privately so it won’t be done publicly**

“...this is the interpretation, O king ... They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field ... till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men. Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous ... Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity” daniel4/24>27

***Discipline yourself for Godliness**

“...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness... [for] godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.” 1Timothy4/7>8

***Strengthen yourself in the Lord**

“But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever...” (Dan. 4:34).

“...David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered ... But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God” (1 Sam. 30:6) (see also Ps. 42:5.)