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“Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.” Daniel 2:16-18

I recently saw this humorous statement - Confidence is the feeling you have before you understand the situation. ☺

Daniel was in a life and death situation. It couldn't get more dire or intense.

Yet Daniel's confidence was not in a **feeling** but in the knowledge that “there is a God in heaven.” *Daniel 2:28*

Daniel chose faithful friends to support him in trusting the Lord.

Iron **sharpeneth** iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. *Proverbs 27:17*

In contrast to Daniel's friends who lifted him in prayer, Job's friends attempted to tear him down with negative accusations.

Job 2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

Job 19:19-22 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me. My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth. Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the

hand of God hath touched me. Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

“Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a **broken tooth**, and a **foot** out of joint.” *Proverbs 25:19*

BIBLE STUDIES

CHAPEL SERVICES: THURSDAY @ 12:10-12:35 P.M.
STAFF/LOBBYIST BIBLE STUDY: FRIDAY @ 12:30 P.M., CHAPEL ROOM