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Series: 2021 STEPPING FORWARD

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2021 Focus: ***“STEPPING FORWARD”***

Psalm 37:23

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delights in his way”

Theme for 2021 and our lives: Stepping Forward!

I. Daniel outlined how we should pray:

1. Acknowledgement and Adoration
2. Confession and Repentance
3. Request and Expectation
4. Intervention and Revelation:
 - Skill and Understanding
 - Assurance and Affirmation

II. Gabriel provided interpretation for the Revelation and it's in three parts:

1. The Schedule
2. Re-Structuring
3. The Savior

III. We have examined

1. The schedule!
2. Re-structuring

Verse 25

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A. Why is the concept of Restructuring so important?

B. The concept of Restructuring is so important!

It changes the focus and trajectory of your life.

C. Is there a difference between Restructuring and Reconfiguration?

- Restructuring involves changing the structural statement, pattern of behavior or prototype of an institution, group or individual.
- Reconfiguration involves adding, splitting, transferring, combining or dissolving units without modifying the underlying structure.
 - Restructuring – working from the inside out.

- Reconfiguration – working from the outside in.

D. What are some keys to restructuring?

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A. Why do we delay restructuring?

Because we want:

- To see how it’s going to play out
- Do not want to hurt or have our feelings hurt
- Or we hope that it will just go away.

B. Waiting to restructure often sends the wrong messages.

It suggests:

- I am ok with things the way they are
- I don’t care if it changes
- The investment isn’t worth it

2. Early actions yields positive results!

A. Identifying the core purpose and not just the problem

Verse 25

“... to restore and build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince...”

B. What was Israel’s core purpose?

- Jerusalem means “city of peace” or “dwelling of the peaceful.”

- Israel means “God Contended” or “Fighter of God” or “One who has power with God, with men and hast prevailed”

Genesis 32:24-28

²⁴“And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. ²⁶And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. ²⁷And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob. ²⁸And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.”

- Israel’s core purpose was to please God!

3. Preparing for access and protection during difficult times.

Verse 25

“... the street shall be built and the wall, even in troublous times.”

- Access and Protection are both two-way streets!
 - Good roads
 - Walls become targets
- The confidence is in the fact that the troubling times do not remove the access and protection that God provides.