

Part 3: Motion for Promotion

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Pastor John shares an anecdote about Brother Jerry, who receives annual prophetic words from the Lord. He reflects on a phrase that has been resonating in his spirit, *He's lifting the lid*, which signifies God revealing and adding new things to the congregation. He likens it to cooking, where lifting the lid allows tasting and adding ingredients. He interprets this as God revealing His work among them, allowing others to taste and see His goodness.

Pastor John contrasts the abundant life Jesus offers with the chaos and crisis brought by the devil. Pastor John explains that abundant life involves change and growth, which might appear messy but is purposeful and ordered. He shares a story from his travels where he and Pastor Josh helped a young woman financially, demonstrating the importance of servanthood and generosity.

Pastor John started to speak about Daniel, focusing on a vision Daniel had by the Tigris River. Despite being surrounded by attendants, only Daniel saw the vision, which caused the others to flee in terror. Daniel, overwhelmed by the vision's glory, fell into a deep sleep. The vision involved an angelic being who reassured Daniel, explaining that his prayers had been heard and that a spiritual battle had delayed the angel's arrival. The angel's message was to help Daniel understand future events concerning His people.

In the referenced chapter, Daniel is fasting and praying, seeking understanding of a vision regarding Israel's future. It's noted that understanding God's visions often unfolds gradually, as obedience is tested step by step. Drawing parallels to Abraham's journey to an unknown land, it highlights that God reveals His plans incrementally to cultivate faith and trust.

We must see the spiritual energy within believers, which surpasses natural strength, and encourages tapping into this divine energy. It discusses the difference between being right (performance-oriented) and doing the right thing (God-oriented). Discipleship is about prioritizing God's will over personal correctness.

We must remember Daniel's unwavering faith and commitment to God, despite being a slave, earned him favor and elevated him to a position of influence. The narrative of Daniel's friends, who refused to bow to Nebuchadnezzar's idol, illustrates the power of standing firm in God's righteousness.

Ps John warns against the societal pressures of cancel culture, which prioritizes being right over doing what is righteous in God's eyes. It encourages us as believers to focus more on righteousness and God's standards rather than societal approval.

We must encourage believers to declare God's promises, trust in His favor, and remain steadfast despite spiritual battles. It celebrates the church's unique anointing and the importance of honoring God through obedience and righteous living.