

The Temptations and Dangers of Power (v. 28-30)

- Power tempts us to use it to _____.
- Power convinces us that we have _____ to possess it.
- As a result power can make us _____ to God.

How God Renews People in the Grip of Power (v. 31 – 37)

- He attacks the fortress of power around the heart with multiple _____.
- He takes away _____ to rid us of the illusion of _____.
- He allows us to _____ of independence.

Questions for Discussion/Reflection:

1. What has been your worst experience of being under the authority of someone else's power? What made this experience difficult?
2. Where do you possess power as a result of your position (job, parent, etc.) in the lives' of others? Where do you possess power not because of power but because of influence related to your character and/or skills? How are you tempted to use this power for yourself rather than those you serve? What strategies have you used to fight this temptation?
3. Have you ever had an experience where God humbled you in order to restore you as He did Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4?
4. What is one change you need to make in the way you relate to those who have power over you?
5. What is one change you need to make in the way you relate to those over whom you have power?