E/E Daring Dudes #18 Pastor Rick Baker

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**God, Governance, and Grace:**

The Carnage of Unrestrained Evil

2 Kings 6:24-7:20

*Standing between humanity and unthinkable wickedness is the restraining grace of God. Governments are stand-in stewards of divine restraint...****until they aren’t****!*

4 God-given levels of restraint of evil—*Where there is no “vision”, people cast off restraint (Prov. 29:18)...but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom’s instruction.*

*WHAT MUST GOD DO TO FINALLY GRAB YOUR ATTENTION?*

* **Beware of engaging in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_religion while \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.**

Ritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the top invites the disciplinary hand of the Lord

*“...the people looked and there, underneath, he (the king) had sackcloth on his body.” (6:30)*

*What have you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the last 20 months?*

* **Expect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to increase as God turns up the spiritual temperature of your heart.**

Nations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the faithless \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their children, the faithful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ together and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“Hear the word of the LORD. This is what the LORD says...”(7:1)*

*Are you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confidently in the Lord?*

* **Yes, God can open up the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of heaven!**

Grace upon grace, God keeps covenant with his people in spite of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“the LORD caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army...” (7:6)*

*Are you fully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord for your salvation—do you believe He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can save?*