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King Belshazzar held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine in their presence. Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar gave orders to bring in the gold and silver vessels that his predecessor Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, wives, and concubines could drink from them. So they brought in the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, wives, and concubines drank from them. They drank the wine and praised their gods made of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. (Daniel 5:1-4)

At that moment the fingers of a man's hand appeared and began writing on the plaster of the king's palace wall next to the lampstand. As the king watched the hand that was writing, his face turned pale, and his thoughts so terrified him that he soiled himself and his knees knocked together. The king shouted to bring in the mediums, Chaldeans, and diviners. He said to these wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this inscription and gives me its interpretation will be clothed in purple, have a gold chain around his neck, and have the third highest position in the kingdom." (Daniel 5:5-7)

"This is the writing that was inscribed: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. This is the interpretation of the message: 'Mene' means that God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end. 'Tekel' means that you have been weighed on the balance and found deficient. 'Peres' means that your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians." Then Belshazzar gave an order, and they clothed Daniel in purple, placed a gold chain around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. That very night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was killed, and Darius the Mede received the kingdom at the age of sixty-two. (Daniel 5:25-31)

1. Our days are numbered.

And just as it is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment... (Hebrews 9:27)

2. Our life is weighed.

3. Our kingdoms are divided from us.

Reflection Question:

What promises of God are you holding onto in this season?