**LEARNING THE HARD WAY**
**Daniel 4**

**Our story begins with Nebuchadnezzar living a _____ life (v.4)**
*I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. Daniel 4:4 (NIV)*

**The Interpretation: (vv.19-26)**
**In order for someone to _____**
**someone needs to _____**

**The Tree: _____ (vv.11-12 & 20-22)**

**The Messenger: _____ (vv.13-15 & 23)**

**The Person: _____ (vv.14-16 & 24-25)**

**The Purpose: To bring Ole' Neb to a right _____ with God (vv.17 & 25-26)**

**Neb will learn that God loves people so much that He will allow the _____ out of their lives if it brings them to _____**

**Notice God's extended _____ (vv.28-29A)**
*...when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, 1 Peter 3:20*

**What Happened? *"All this happened"* (v.28)**
**1. Loss of _____**
**Later:** *At the same time that my sanity was restored, Daniel 4:36 (NIV)*
**2. Loss of _____**
*The kingdom is departed from thee. Daniel 4:31 (KJV)*
**3. Loss of _____**
*...you will be driven away from mankind (v.32)*

**4. Loss of _____**
*...your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field (v.32)*

*... his dwelling place was with the wild donkeys. Daniel 5:21*

**5. Complete _____ (v.33)**

**6. And just for fun _____ too (v.33)**

**This lesson will take _____ (v.32)**
**Sometimes God uses _____ to _____**
**God's discipline is evidence of God's love**
*...and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; 6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." 7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Hebrews 12:5-8*

**What a conversion looks like (vv. 34-37)**

**The Trigger to Restoration: Turned _____ (v.34)**

**1. Puts God in His _____ place**
**(compare and contrast v.30 with vv.34-35)**

**2. A new heart that _____ with _____ to God (vv.34 &37)**

**3. A desire to _____ what God has done _____ him (v.2)**

**A desire to _____ others (v.37)**