

MESSAGE NOTES



WHEN LIFE SPINS OUT OF CONTROL

Here we are like Daniel—at this time and in this place—in the midst of social chaos and political uncertainty, to be those who follow God (Jesus) like Daniel did. How do we follow God when life is spinning out of control?

1. We remember that God is in control (1:1-7).
2. We determine to distinctively live for God (1:8-21).
3. We embrace the opportunities to risk it all for God (2:1-16).
4. We are convinced that God knows and controls the future (2:17-49).

the one thing:

vote early, vote often, vote wisely

Miss something? All of these sermon notes will be available online Monday.

TAKING IT HOME NOTES

FOR SMALL GROUP & PERSONAL STUDY

- 1 **KEEPING IT REAL**
Can a person complain that “my life is spinning out of control” who also claims to believe “God is in control”? How would you respond to this person who uses both statements in almost the same breath?
- 2 **LOOK AT THE BOOK**
Using the following passages, identify some sovereign characteristics of God: Ephesians 1:11, Isaiah 46:11, Psalm 115:3, Colossians 1:16-17, Romans 11:33-36.
- 3 Daniel, Joseph and Esther, in spite of seemingly out-of-control circumstances, led lives under the sovereign care of God. What about you? We learn in Romans 8:28-39 that not only does God knit together circumstances to accomplish His purpose, but also that nothing can thwart His plans. Share with your group a time when God wove together what appeared to be an out-of-control moment into something much bigger (and better) than you imagined.
- 4 **THE NEXT STEP**
As a way to encourage others, look for opportunities to clarify the difference between coincidence and providence (God’s sovereignty). And remember, a personal example goes a long way!

NEXT STEPS

- Give 15 minutes to read through Daniel 1 & 2.
- Prepare yourself accordingly for political discussion.
- Answer: What makes you distinct as a Christ-follower?
- Vote wisely!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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