



THRIVING IN BABYLON

God Over All

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Outline

Read **Daniel 2:1-49** and remind everyone of the outline:

How do you thrive when your life and the world around you are tough, confusing and mysterious?

I. Face today's pressure with God as your first focus

- A. He did not self-trust to go it alone
- B. He did not call for a brainstorm session, or a ways and means committee meeting
- C. What he did is call on his small group to pray for him

II. Live today with trust, humility and wisdom – here is how you must frame each moment, building humility and trust... and thrive:

- A. God is not surprised by this moment
- B. God is sufficient for this moment
- C. God is supreme in this moment
- D. God will care for me in the moment

III. Embrace a view of God's big kingdom instead of getting wrapped up in your little kingdom

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. What do you consider to be the “good ole days”? Why do we tend to forget the bad stuff?
- B. What’s your “favorite” characteristic of God and why?
- C. With the daily news of N. Korea, Russia, Tweets, etc, do you get nervous about the fate of the USA?
What do you get nervous about?
- D. What makes you nervous about “your kingdom”? What pressures do you face in your everyday life?

II. Application Question

- A. What can be tendencies of how you respond to stress and pressure in your life?
- B. Do you struggle to see that God is good and sovereign over YOUR life? What are lies that you can be tempted to believe about God’s character?
- C. Trust, humility and patience – how are you doing in these? How is the Lord calling you to grow in them?

III. Gospel Connection – Our God knows the number of stars and the grains of sand, and He knows your name and the thoughts of your heart.

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. Pray for our world’s leaders – we are not called to complain, but to pray!
- B. Are there circumstances out of your control that the Lord is calling you to trust more?
- C. Praise God for his character—He is sufficient, sovereign, supreme over all!