



# THRIVING IN BABYLON

## **Seeing God Over All**

Peter LaRuffa

March 11, 2018

### **Outline**

Read **Daniel 2** and remind everyone of the outline:

#### **I. Don't miss out on the "now" because you're waiting for "wow." Even in the seemingly mundane, God is always at work! Everything is a God thing!**

- A. God **KEEPS** us existing!
- B. God **COOPERATES** with our every decision and action
- C. God **DIRECTS** all things to fulfill His purposes

#### **II. 3 Ways to cultivate a sense of "wow" in the "now"**

- A. **PRAY** first (...and use "grace" & "mercy" language as much as possible).
- B. **PRAISE** *now* (...and be as specific as you can).
- C. **POINT** to God *soon* (...and acknowledge His work as much as possible).

Don't wait around for the proverbial "God-thing." Waiting for the "wow" will cause you to overlook what God is doing in the "now," the everyday, seemingly mundane events of your life. Every circumstance, everything about you, every opportunity you're afforded, and even the ones you're not, are all covered with the fingerprints of our sovereign, gracious God.

### **Sermon Discussion:**

#### **I. Conversation Starter Questions**

- A. What's your "favorite" characteristic of God and why?
- B. Is there a time in your life that it seems God was more present and active?
- C. What do you think keeps you from seeing God working in your life? Because He is!

#### **II. Application Question**

- A. Pastor Peter said "Everything is a 'God thing.'" What do you think of that?
- B. Do you think you're looking too hard for God in the "wow," and perhaps missing Him in the "now"?
- C. Pastor Peter said oftentimes he's more excited about God's providence than His miracles. Does that statement resonate with you? Why or why not?
- D. Is it hard for you to pray "first"? Why or why not?
- E. Pastor Peter said "God sets Himself up to receive the most glory possible in a situation." Can you recall a time in your life when you've seen that to be true?
- F. Of the 3 Ways To Cultivate a Sense of "Wow" in the "Now", which one can you implement this week?

**III. Gospel Connection** – He is always at work, even when we were dead and not listening. He is still working, even if we're dry and distracted. Seek Him!

#### **IV. Prayer Focus Ideas**

- A. Thank Him for His mercy and grace – praise Him for what's going on now – praise Him!
- B. Pray for the mundane/routine things coming up this week – ask the Lord to see Him at work.