

“SURVIVING TROUBLING TIMES” Series

Message #1 of 6

“When You Think You’ve Lost It All”

God is at work in His children’s lives, wherever we are, whatever we are doing, accomplishing His purposes and building His kingdom, even when we least expect it.

Daniel 1:1-17

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1. WHEN YOU THINK YOU’VE LOST IT ALL ...

GOD IS DOING A NEW WORK – (v.1-2)

“And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into (Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon’s) hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God.” - verse 2

- *“You should think, consider and plan, but your security and stability is not rooted in your plans, but in what God has already planned for you. No matter how unexpected or hard, his plans are always right, true and good.” – Paul David Tripp*

2. WHEN YOU THINK YOU’VE LOST IT ALL ...

GOD IS USING YOUR BAD FOR YOUR GOOD – (v.3-7)

“They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king’s service.” - verse 5b

- The will of God is not so much a place as an attitude of worship and service.

3. WHEN YOU THINK YOU’VE LOST IT ALL ...

GOD IS HAVING FAVOR ON YOU – (v.8-10)

“Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel.” - verse 9

- *“Our surrender doesn't produce God's favor; God's favor produces our surrender.” – Tullian Tchividjian*

4. WHEN YOU THINK YOU’VE LOST IT ALL ...

GOD IS EQUIPPING YOU WHERE YOU ARE – (v.11-17)

“God gave them knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning and Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.” - verse 17

- God is not primarily concerned about your ability. What God wants most is your availability.