



Series: Daniel, Living for God in a Pagan World

Passage: Daniel 10:10-21, John 21:15-19

Title: Finding Strength in Troubled Times

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Discussion Starter – Reflect on a time when you felt overwhelmed by a situation that seemed beyond your ability to handle. How did you respond? How did God respond? What role did your faith play during that time?

Read Daniel 10:10-17

1. What is Daniel's position when he is touched by the hand? What is his response to the touch and the following message?
2. What does his reaction tell us about the impact of encountering God's plans that are bigger than our own?
3. Daniel was praying over his concern for the apathy of God's people. How was God's answer different than what he may have expected?
 - a. Have you ever experienced God answering your prayers differently than you expected?
 - b. What can we learn about trusting God's bigger and better plans over our own expectations?
4. Why is it important to prioritize God's will over our own when we pray?
 - c. How can we adjust our prayer life to align more with seeking God's guidance?
5. What insight to the unseen battles do we see in verses 12-14? How does this insight affect your perseverance in prayer?

Read John 21:15-19

6. What parallels can we draw between Daniel's and Peter's experiences of humility and restoration?
7. How does society's view of brokenness differ from God's perspective?
8. Why and how does God often use our brokenness for His purposes?
 - d. How does Peter's story encourage you to accept forgiveness and move forward when you feel inadequate?

Read Daniel 10:18-21

9. Daniel is once again told that he is beloved as a response to his being "without strength". How is assurance of God's love the proper response to our feelings of weakness?
 - e. How can we build our confidence in the love of God?
 - f. How can we build the confidence in others that they are loved by God?
10. Who is the "Prince of Greece"? What is the "book of truth"?
11. Why is Michael described as "your prince"?
12. How is our faith encouraged knowing God has a plan for the future of His creation?