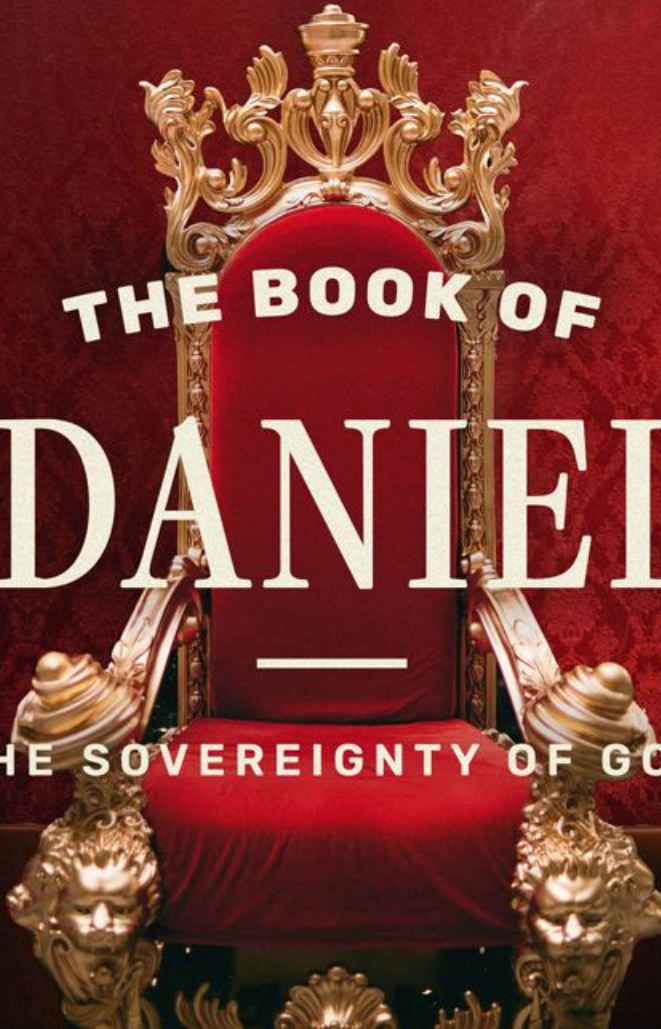




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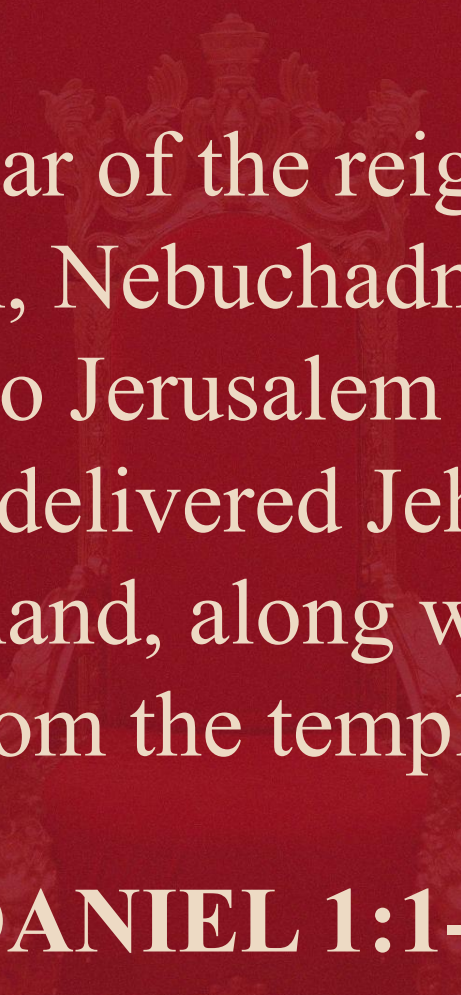
DANIEL

—
THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD



GODLY TRAINING

**How can God continue to work
His plans when all seems lost?**



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² And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God.

DANIEL 1:1-8

These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god. ³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—

DANIEL 1:1-8

⁴ young men without any physical defect,
handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of
learning, well informed, quick to understand,
and qualified to serve in the king's palace.

He was to teach them the language and
literature of the Babylonians.

DANIEL 1:1-8

⁵ The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

⁶ Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

DANIEL 1:1-8

⁷ The chief official gave them new names:
to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to
Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach;
and to Azariah, Abednego. ⁸ But Daniel
resolved not to defile himself with the royal
food and wine, and he asked the chief official
for permission not to defile himself this way.

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LOST LOOKS
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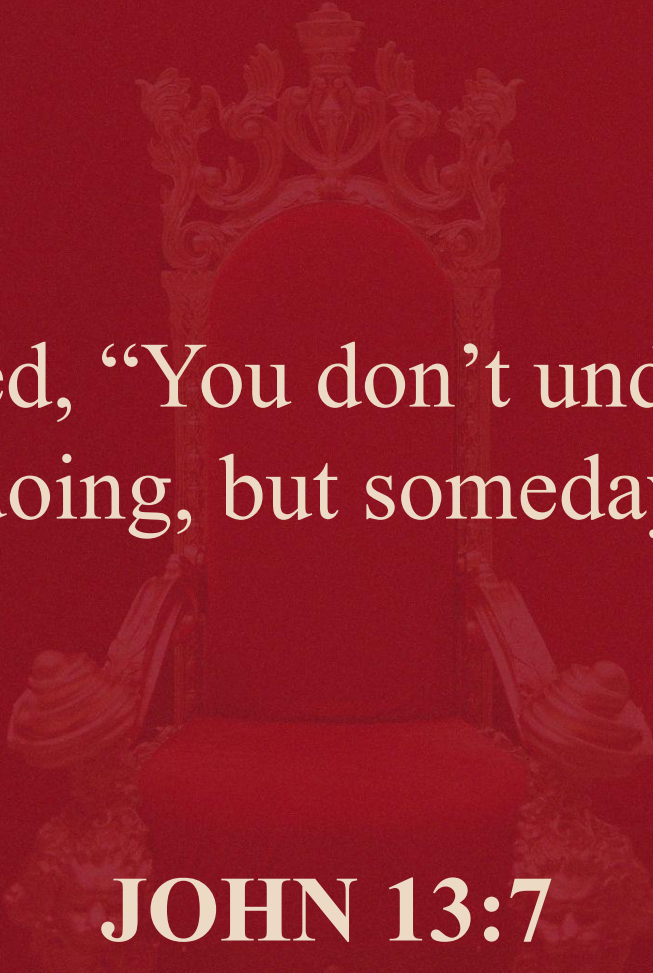
DANIEL 1:1-2

THREE SEEMINGLY LOST THINGS:

A SHEEP: LUKE 15:3-7

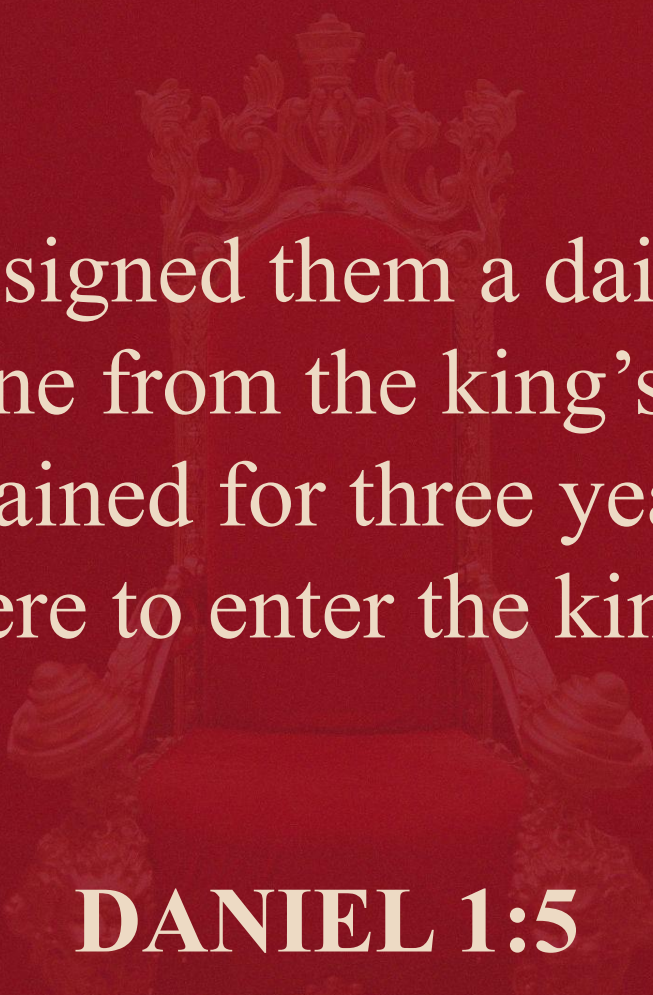
A COIN: LUKE 15:8-10

A SON: LUKE 15:11-32



⁷ Jesus replied, “You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.”

JOHN 13:7

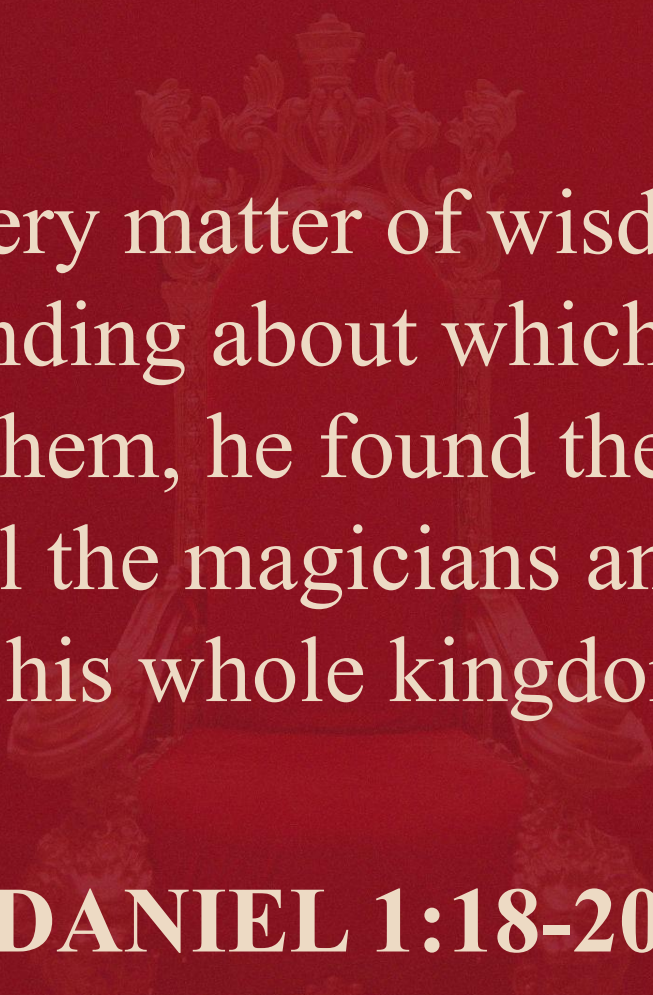


⁵ The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

DANIEL 1:5

¹⁸ At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service.

DANIEL 1:18-20

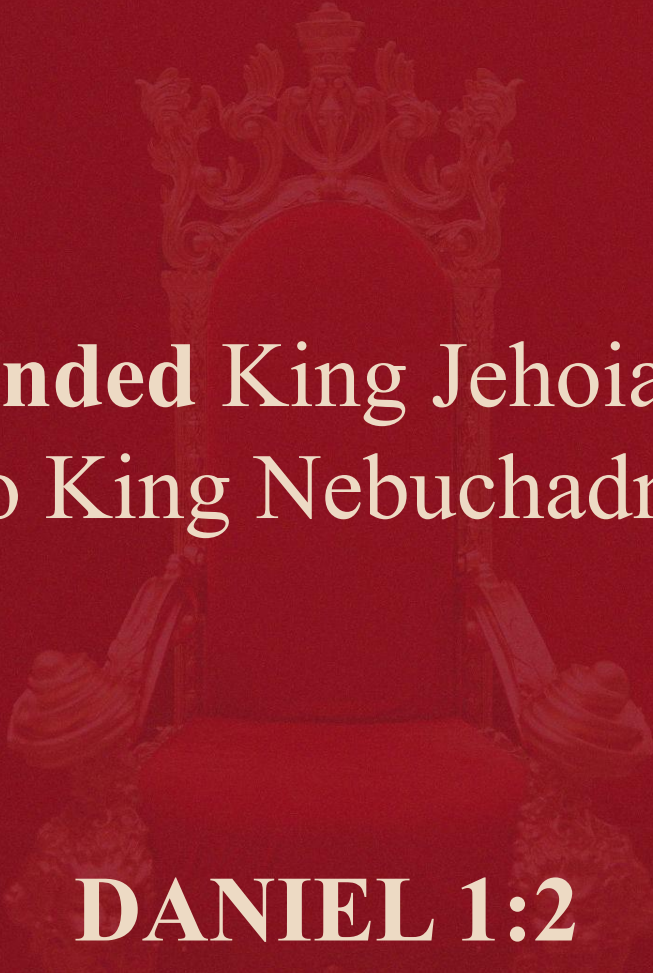


²⁰ In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

DANIEL 1:18-20

**What seemed “lost,” God
redeemed into a greater purpose.**

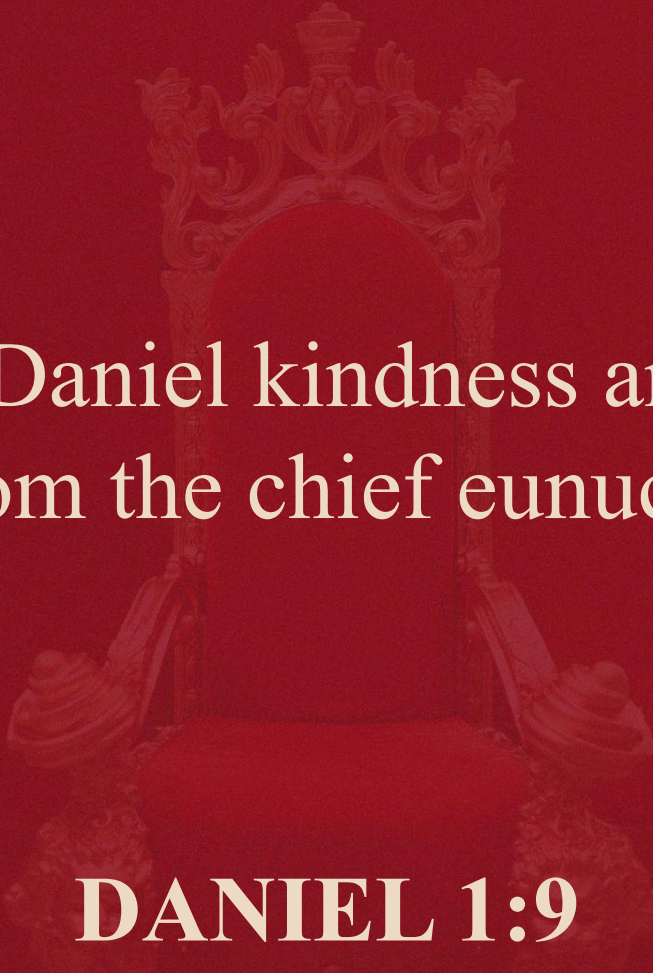
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**The Lord handed King Jehoiakim of Judah
over to King Nebuchadnezzar.**

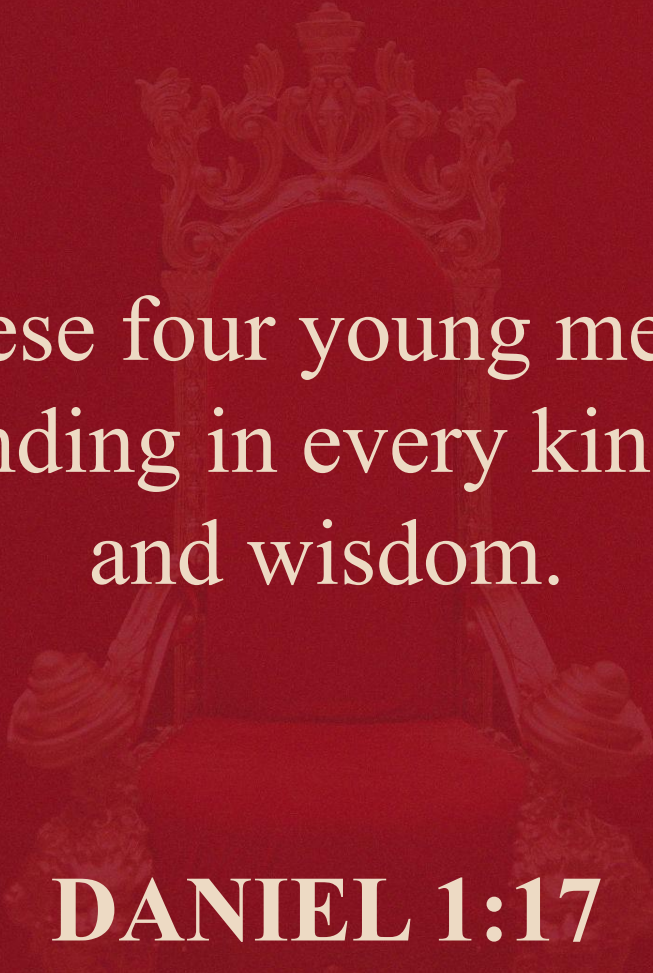
DANIEL 1:2

**Whenever we are within God's
plan, we know there's always
a way back to God through
atonement, forgiveness and
redemption. All is never truly
lost with God.**



**God granted Daniel kindness and compassion
from the chief eunuch.**

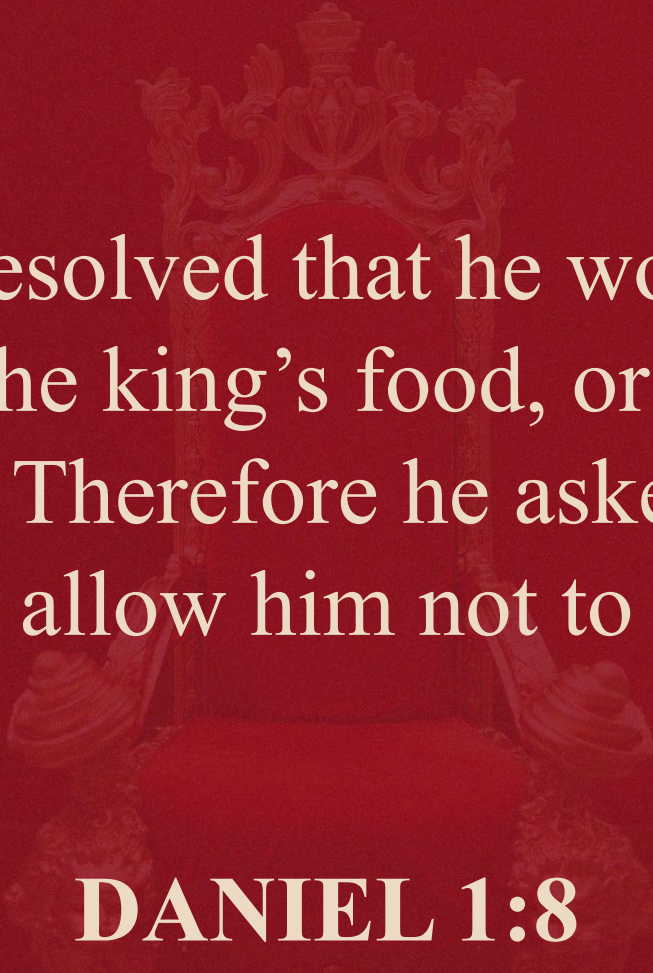
DANIEL 1:9



**God gave these four young men knowledge
and understanding in every kind of literature
and wisdom.**

DANIEL 1:17

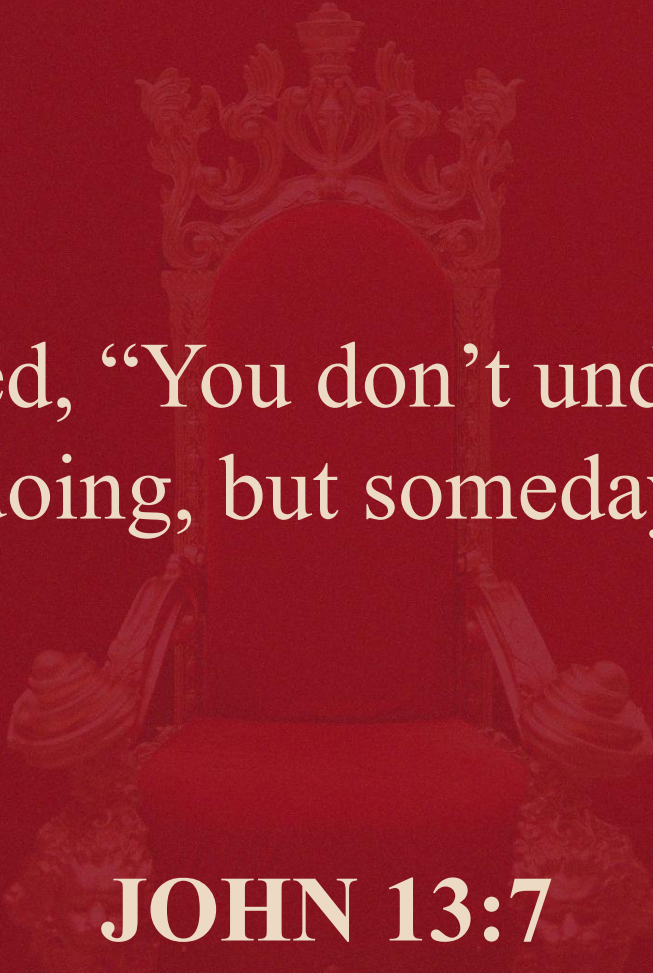
WE HAVE A
PART TO PLAY
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⁸ But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.

DANIEL 1:8

**Whatever the case, when our
motivation is lacking, what we
need is a purpose.**



⁷ Jesus replied, “You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.”

JOHN 13:7

**This is part of your story,
and your story is part of
God's greater plan!**

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?

Run in such a way as to get the prize.

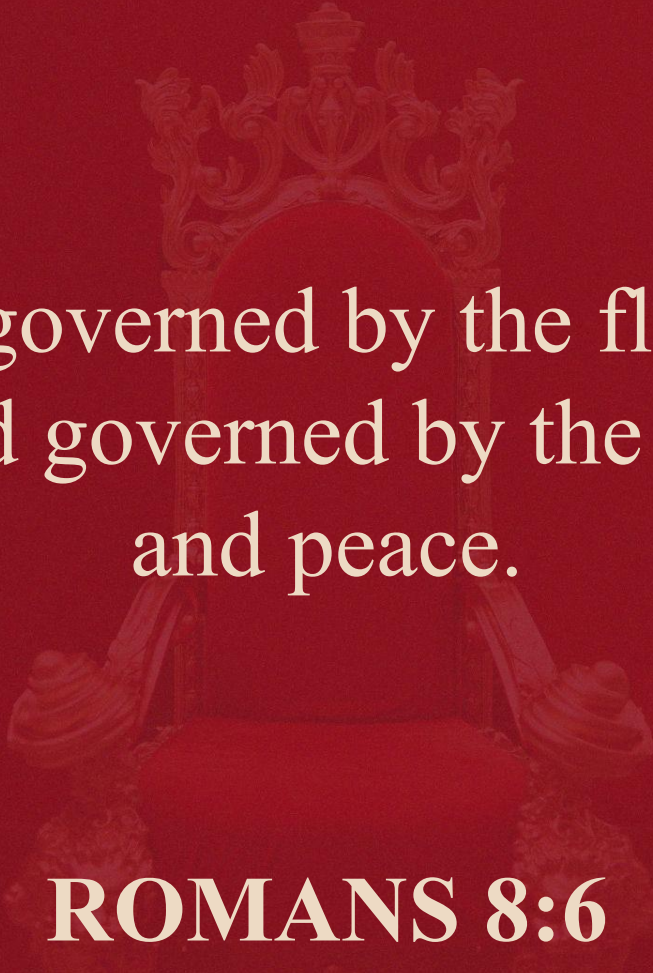
²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

Growth happens when you push yourself out of your comfortable spaces into difficult ones. In those difficult spaces, you truly realize what your body, mind and spirit can do!



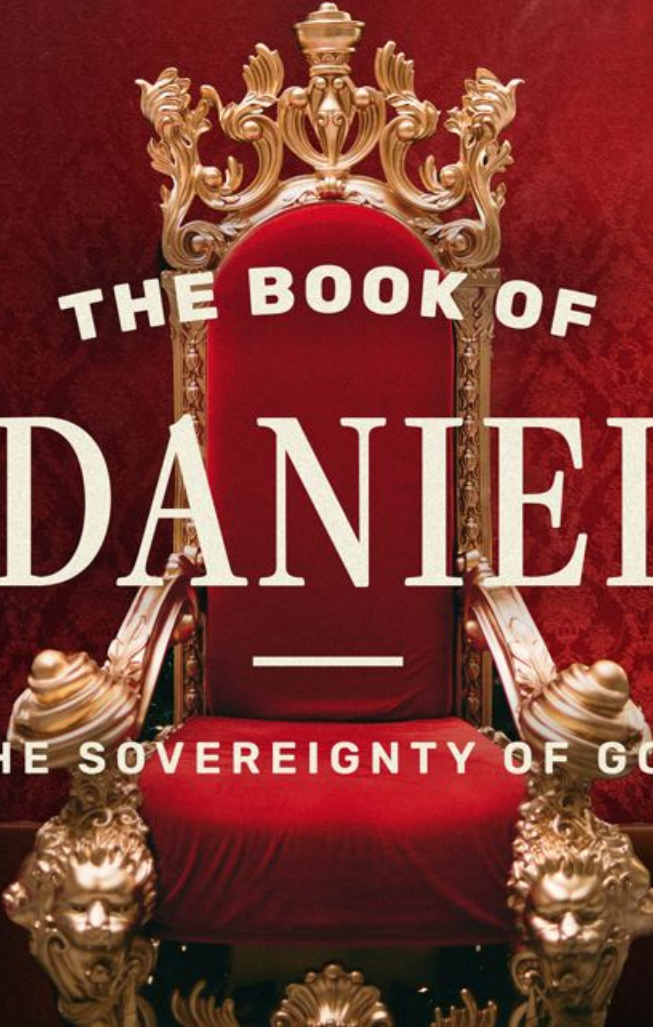
⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death,
but the mind governed by the Spirit is life
and peace.

ROMANS 8:6

**God will continue to work his
plan, especially when
all seems lost**

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) LOST LOOKS DIFFERENT TO GOD
- 2) ALL IS NEVER TRULY LOST WITH GOD
- 3) WE HAVE A PART TO PLAY FOR GOD



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