



**Background** – This series is designed to show us the sovereignty of God and that He controls all things, no matter what our circumstances might say.

**Key Verse/Scripture Memory** – [Daniel 1:2](#)

**Core Passage** [Daniel 1:1-21](#)

**Sermon Guide: God, Are You Really In Control In The Midst Of All Of This Chaos That We're Going Through?**

- I. Background of Daniel
  - A. What is Daniel's historical context?
  - B. Why should we study the Book of Daniel?
- II. What does Daniel teach us about God?
  - A. God uses the lives of His people to demonstrate His sovereignty. [Daniel 1:1-2](#)
  - B. God uses all circumstances to train His people for service. [Daniel 1:3-14](#)
  - C. God uses the lives of His people to bring glory to His name. [Daniel 1:15-21](#)
- III. Application
  - 1) What does it mean to you knowing that God is completely sovereign and in control of all things? How does this knowledge change how you live?
  - 2) What is God doing in your life to draw attention to His sovereignty? Do you trust that He knows what He is doing?

### **Family/Small Group Discussion**

- 1) Pray – That the message of Daniel would encourage our hearts in this scary time (Covid19) and that we would trust Him in all circumstances.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the Scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
- 3) Discuss
  - 1) List as many of the difficulties Daniel and his friends experienced in Daniel Chapter 1. Categorize each difficulty as a physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual challenge.
  - 2) Of those difficulties, which would have been the most challenging for you to cope with? What is one difficulty that you are facing right now that is challenging for you?
  - 3) Considering all that Daniel and his friends experienced in this chapter, where do you find the greatest encouragement? What does this chapter teach you about God?
  - 4) How can you apply this encouragement or truth about God to help you in the difficulty you are facing now?
  - 5) Pray together and invite God into your difficulties. Ask Him to provide you with creative solutions or His power to help you endure and that He might be glorified in the process.