



### *Overwhelmed*

#### **Finding Joy in What's to Come (Daniel 12:1-3)**

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**BIG IDEA: No matter how hard or overwhelming life can get at times, no matter how painful it becomes or how long it lasts, we can find joy in what's to come. Why? Because as followers of Jesus we are guaranteed a life after this one that will never end, a life that is free of all of the overwhelming things of this one.**

- The only way we will be overwhelmed in the eternity spent with God after this life is done will be times when we are simply overwhelmed by the presence of God.
- Having God's eternal perspective in our lives doesn't make our problems go away, but it certainly helps us from staying overwhelmed by them.

Throughout this series, there has been a recurring theme.

- Whether we have been talking about stress and anxiety, control, the instability economically in our country, gratitude, or even depression, in all these issues in which we can live overwhelmed lives, we have learned that living lives that aren't overwhelmed involve a lot of things, but ultimately it boils down to one thing, and that is trust. Trust in God.

Without God's perspective on eternity in heaven, we can be lost forever in our own pain and despair. But God gives us a glimpse of Heaven from His Word to give us hope and joy for the future.

Our time here on earth is a training ground to shape in our lives the character of God and trust in God, and adversity helps bring that about in us.

Some encouraging words about our future hope:

- "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33
- "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4
- "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

God not only gives us this future hope and joy, but He gives us the opportunity of sharing that gift with others around us.

- "So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!'" 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)