Trusting God When Your Situation Seems Hopeless Daniel 1:1-21 (Message 1)

"O God, when I lose hope because my plans have come to nothing... then help me to remember that your love is always greater than my disappointments and your plans for my life are always better than my dreams." ~Unknown

There are four truths we must remember about trusting God when our situations seem hopeless.

1st Truth: Troubles and tragedies will arise in your life

Christians are <u>not exempt</u> from the struggles of living through <u>difficulties</u> that bring <u>hurt</u> and loss.

Daniel 1:1-3; 2 Chronicles 36:5, 6; Matthew 5: 44, 45

"Times of great calamity and confusion have ever been productive of the greatest minds. The purest ore is produced from the hottest furnace, and the brightest thunderbolt is elicited from the darkest storm." ~Charles Caleb Colton

2nd Truth: You do not go through your trials and troubles alone

God does not leave you to <u>experience</u> troubles in <u>your strength</u>, your <u>wisdom</u> or your ability.

☐ Daniel 1:9; Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 139: 1-5

"God never leaves us... He never forsakes us... And He never gives up on us" ~Unknown

3rd Truth: Stay steadfast and focus on your obedience to God

Your obedience to God <u>during</u> troubled times will <u>shine</u> like the <u>stars</u> on the darkest nights.

Daniel 1:5, 8

"There's some tasks which the God of all the universe, the great Creator, your redeemer in Jesus Christ has for you to do and which will remain undone and incomplete until by faith and obedience you step into the will of God." ~Alan Redpath

4th Truth: God will increase your faith and enlarge your portion

Obedience to God brings His <u>blessings</u> and an increase of your <u>influence</u> to impact more lives for Christ.

Daniel 1:17-19, 20b

"Cheer up, Christians! Things are not left to chance: no blind fate rules the world. God has purposes and those purposes are fulfilled. God has plans, and those plans are wise, and never can be dislocated." ~Charles Spurgeon