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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Daniel: Shining in Babylon  
Daniel 10, 11, & 12 Pastor Lance Ainsworth  
November 26th, 2023  
It's all part of the plan.

### Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What are you thankful for?

Read aloud: **Read Daniel 10, Daniel 12:1-3**

1. Daniel 10:2-3 "In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed." Daniel has fallen into deep despair. Can you relate? Has there been a time when you have faced depression? Daniel can relate, and so can Jesus. (Isaiah 53)
2. Daniel 10:11 "He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." God sends a messenger to console and strengthen Daniel. Pray about who God is sending you to, to console. If you need someone to encourage you, who can you reach out to? Who is praying for you weekly? Who can you ask to pray for you daily?
3. Daniel 10:13 " But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days" The messenger sent to Daniel had been fighting a demonic force, the prince of Persia. Do you think demonic forces are at work right now over cities, politics, and governments? Is this new? How does being aware of demonic forces in the world change how we view strongholds in culture? What is the correlation between blaming demonic forces or human nature for bad decisions? Ephesians 6:12 tells us our battle is against the spiritual forces of wickedness. Read Ephesians 6:10-18; how do we fight against spiritual forces?
4. Revelation 21:4 "and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." Grief has an expiration date. What hope does heaven provide us? There are six ways that the Bible describes Heaven: a Sabbath, a Kingdom, City, Home, Garden, and Party. Out of these six, which most excites you?