IN THE MIDST OF TRIAL

I have good news. We do not walk through trials and suffering alone. By the time of Daniel, it has been many generations since God promised he would never leave or forsake his people. Daniel and his companions are now strangers in a strange land. Their faith and obedience was put to the test, but God was with them through it all. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship anyone other than the one true God and were thrown in a fiery furnace. They were not alone in the fire and walked out unharmed. Daniel refused to worship anyone other than the one true God and was put in a lion's den. He too walked out unharmed. God was with him. God may not always rescue us unharmed from trial, but he has promised to never leave us. He WILL be with us in the midst of it. Jesus himself talks to the Father on our behalf. In John 17 He asks God to keep us from the evil one. He cares deeply for you and proved it by suffering on the cross on our behalf. He was not rescued from his suffering yet he did it willingly.

Ezekiel 46-48; John 16

Daniel 1-3; Psalm 88; John 17

Daniel 4-6; John 18

Daniel 7-9; Psalm 91; John 19

Daniel 10-12; John 20

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?

5. What’s the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. How has God used trials to remind you of his presence? Do trials distance you from God or draw you closer?
2. How do you reconcile the sovereignty of God with the suffering that Christians endure?
3. What challenges has God put in your way throughout your spiritual journey? How has HE brought you through them?
4. How do you bear witness to the truth? (See John 17:37)
5. What strength do you garner from the Word of God? How have you found life in its truths?

Life will bring trouble but Jesus came and offered us peace. We have hope because he has overcome the world. That is good news!