

Making the Most out of a Tough Situation  
Daniel 1:1-21  
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***What do we do in the middle of a CRISIS?***

**1. Understand that bad circumstances, doesn't mean bad outcome.**

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**2. Continually turn to God.**

Psalms 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

**3. Understand where my growth and direction comes from.**

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

**4. Don't let circumstances dictate your attitude.**

Jeremiah 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. ... 10 This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

**5. God's blessing doesn't mean that He will bring me out of the tough place.**

James 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**Study guide for: Making the most of a tough situation  
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**What are some difficult situations you have been through (or crisis)?**

**What was your attitude as you went through them?**

**What or who helped you get through them?**

**Are you read Daniel 1 and/or listened to the message, what or who helped Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?**

**What are some things that they avoided to make sure that they stayed closer to the Lord?**

**What might be some things that you need to avoid during this crisis (or the next one)?**

**What points from the message (or the text), do you need to apply in your life as you go through the Coronavirus crisis? How will you apply them?**

**How might you encourage others you know as they go through the same crisis as you, or future ones?**

**What do you want to ask God to do in your life after this lesson?**

\*\*\* Close your time by thanking God for this lesson, and pray for the things that you wrote down, shared, or reflected on. Give others time to share and pray too. \*\*\*

**Daily readings: Sun. - James 1:2-4; Mon. - Romans 8:28; Tues. - Psalm 20:7;  
Wed. - Jeremiah 29:7, 10-11; Thur. - John 14:27; Fri. - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Sat. – Job 1:20-21**