

# PERSEVERE IN COURAGE

DANIEL 12:4-13

- While KNOWLEDGE will increase, God's Word remains a SURE anchor.
- In spite of present circumstances, God is in CONTROL.
- Trials will PURIFY and distinguish God's people.
- Blessing awaits those who COURAGEOUSLY persevere.

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Thinking back about Daniel's life as we've studied it, what has stood out to you the most? Why?
2. In your lifetime, how have you seen the availability of knowledge increase, but the understanding of knowledge decrease? How does Daniel 12:4 and Amos 8:12 speak to this?
3. One of the things we saw in this passage was that God is in control, standing over the flow of history. What circumstances in your life make it difficult to trust God's sovereignty? How have you seen God's sovereignty guide you in the past?
4. Read the following passages and discuss the what each teaches us about the role of trials in our lives:
  - a. 1 Peter 1:6-7
  - b. Romans 5:3-5
  - c. James 1:2-4
  - d. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18
  - e. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
5. What trials are you facing in your life? How should God's Word shape your perspective of your trials?
6. Read Matthew 24:12. How can you keep this from being true of yourself? (see 1 Timothy 1:5)
7. In your life, what does it look like to "persevere in courage?" Are you persevering in courage?



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