

**GOD** **FATHER** **JESUS** **HOLY SPIRIT**

Creation  
The Fall

Patriarchs  
Temple  
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Kings  
Prophets  
**God's heart  
to be King**

New Creation  
in Christ

New Heaven  
New Earth

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**THE A, B, C'S OF GOOD OBSERVATION**

**A**PPROACH & ATTITUDE: BIASES, PERSPECTIVES, EXPERIENCES

**B**ACKGROUND: HISTORICAL, CULTURAL SETTING

**C**ONTEXT: CONTEXT, CONTEXT-READ IN PARAGRAPHS, CHAPTERS

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All Word and no Spirit, we dry up;  
all Spirit and no Word, we blow up;  
**all Word and Spirit, we grow up.**

David Watson

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*“Learning to Suffer Well”*

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Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Daniel 3:16-18 NIV

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## 1. **God is faithful.** *Continue to follow the faithful examples of the faith God placed in our lives.*

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. <sup>4</sup> We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. <sup>5</sup> May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance. 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5 NIV

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## 2. **Stand firm in the Lord.** *God uses our suffering to bring hope to others.*

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. <sup>8</sup> For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? 1 Thessalonians 3:7-9

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October 7th, we will be celebrating our last Christmas together, as a family of 6.



**“Brie”  
The Bird Family**

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**3. God loves you and has chosen you.** *God will use our suffering to honor and glorify Jesus.*

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,  
1 Thessalonians 1:4

He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in  
the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

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*Thank you for being my faithful God, and giving me  
Christlike people to follow. Help me to stand firm in the  
hardships of life and use me to bring hope to others.  
Thank you for loving and choosing me to honor and  
glorify You through my life.*

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Have a blessed week!

**YOU ARE LOVED!**  
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BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU MAY  
BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON  
OF GOD, AND THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY  
HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.

JOHN 20:31

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