

# God's Painful Plan for Your Life

Scripture: **Daniel 8**

Series: **The Pilgrim Life: Living as God's People in a Pagan Land**

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## Overview

The Christian life is hard, and it can be full of suffering and affliction. But it is through that affliction that we find contentment in the fact that we know God is both sovereign and loving. **The love of God does not make the pilgrim life easy, but it does make it holy.**

## Corraborating Texts

John 16:33; Matthew 10:16; Matthew 5:10–11, Micah 6:8, Romans 5:8

## Discussion Questions

1. In what way or ways are you currently experiencing affliction?
2. In the midst of life's craziness, how are you experiencing contentment?
3. Joe made the statement, "Contentment can't be learned when we get everything we want." How *do* we learn contentment?
4. When we are honest with ourselves, what do expect from God?
5. When things get difficult and/or don't go your way, what do you do? What did Daniel do?
6. Read Micah 5:8. How do you get this confused? In which area do you most need to grow?
7. How can we encourage one other to know and understand the love of God better?