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## Sermon Title: God's Heart in History

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**Scripture:** In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. *The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.* [Daniel 1:1-2]

1. The way God **organizes** His Word reveals a great deal about His intended **message**.
2. History reveals how God protected His people in the **past**. Prophecy reveals how God will protect His people in the **future**. Together they help us trust God in the **present**.
3. Believers living in a corrupt culture need assurance God is still **with** them and **for** them and powerful enough to **keep** them.
4. Believers living in a corrupt culture need assurance God is still in **control** of **history**.
5. God provides everything we need to keep our **faith** in **adverse** cultural settings.
6. To admit God's existence, power, and sovereignty is to admit humanity's **arrogance**, **rebellion**, and **inadequacy**.
7. After all is said and done, what God has **said** will be **done**!
8. God's people weren't in a **permanent** predicament because God had **forsaken** them. They were in a **temporary** predicament because God had been **faithful** to them – and the world.
9. God became the God of **Israel** so He could reveal Himself as God of the **earth**.
10. A loving and faithful God **disciplines** those He **loves**. [Hebrews 12:6]

**Growth Group Questions**  
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**WARM-UP**

1. Briefly share your favorite memory from this summer.
2. What are you looking forward to as we begin a new Growth Group year?

**SHARE**

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?
2. In what ways do you feel pressured to conform to the beliefs and behaviors of our culture?
3. Share about a time when God lovingly disciplined you. How did you feel at the time, and how did you grow from the experience?
4. Do you feel like God is in control of your life and destiny? Why or why not?
5. In what ways has God equipped you to maintain your faith in our adverse culture?

**IN THE WORD**

Read some of the passages below and discuss related insights with today's message.

- **Hebrews 13:5, Romans 8:31, John 10:29**
- **Psalms 33:11**
- **John 14:16**
- **Hebrews 12:6**
- **Isaiah 46:9-10**

**PRACTICE**

- Are there areas of your life that you want to stop compromising with the culture? If so, are you willing to expose and renounce them now?
- Spend some time praying for one another in groups of 2-3.