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## Knowing God: Who's in Charge?

Text: Daniel 4:34-35

Doctrine matters because...

1. We love God.
  2. Belief shapes behavior.
  3. It informs our worldview.
  4. We need to be equipped to explain what we believe and why we believe it.
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### Our Journey

- Week 1: The Word of God
  - Week 2: The Uniqueness of God
  - Week 3: The Goodness of God
  - **Week 4: The Sovereignty of God**
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## What does it mean to say that God is sovereign over all things and why does it matter?

*"God is the absolute ruler of this world and the entire universe. God is the one who decrees all things, who purposes all things, and who accomplishes all things that He decrees or purposes. He is simply in charge of absolutely everything." –John MacArthur*

### 1. The Extent of His Sovereignty v.34

- Everlasting (34a): His control is everlasting and encompasses all of creation. Nothing is outside of His control. (Colossians 1:17, Hebrews 1:3)
- Enduring (34b): His kingdom outranks and outlasts all other nations. (Acts 17:26)

### 2. The Execution of His Sovereignty v.35

- No one can resist anything He does. (Proverbs 16:1, 16:9, 21:9)
- No one can reverse anything He does.

- *“It’s not that God is especially agile, a kind of cosmic PR man adept at manipulating circumstances, but rather that he is the Planner, the Engineer, the Designer who has ordained the means just as much as the end. He ordains the calm and the storm, the darkness and the dawn, the famine and the feast.” –Gospel Coalition*
- What about the problem of evil? Lessons from the life of Joseph and Jesus.
  - Both were victims of jealousy, hate, and harm.
  - Both were allowed to suffer according to God’s larger plan.
  - Genesis 50:20, Acts 2:23
- Extremes to avoid
  - Excusing ourselves from responsibility
  - Elevating ourselves over His sovereignty

### **3. The Encouragement of His Sovereignty**

- Philippians 2:12-13
- *“Evangelism is man’s work, but the giving of the faith is God’s” –J.I. Packer*
- *“The Christian should work as if all depended on him and pray as if it all depended upon God!” –C.H. Spurgeon*
- Romans 8:28

## **His Sovereignty = Our Strength**

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