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What advice would Daniel offer you about the current economic and political challenges facing our country and the world?

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Where have you seen God turn evil into good in your life?

Read Romans 8:28-39.

Think about these words of Paul in light of Daniel's affirmation. Where in your life or family do you most need to apply these truths?

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