Sermon Notes –November 8, 2026
Thrive: The Book of Daniel
Week 9: That Won't Last
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SCRIPTURE: Daniel 7 (v.9-14)

9 I watched as thrones were put in place
and the Ancient One[b] sat down to judge.
His clothing was as white as snow,
his hair like purest wool.
He sat on a fiery throne
with wheels of blazing fire,
10 and a river of fire was pouring out,
flowing from his presence.
Millions of angels ministered to him;
many millions stood to attend him.
Then the court began its session,
and the books were opened.

11 I continued to watch because I could hear the little horn's boastful speech. I kept watching until the fourth beast was killed and its body was destroyed by fire. **12** The other three beasts had their authority taken from them, but they were allowed to live a while longer.[c] **13** As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man[d] coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. **14** He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

1) Don't Trust What Won't Last
- Anything that can be taken away was never meant to be the foundation of your life!

- Don't let the temporary distract you from the eternal.

- Don't put your ultimate hope in something that can crumble and fall.

- Earthly kingdoms have an expiration date. God's Kingdom does not.

2) Look To the King
- The world may be in chaos, but Heaven is not!

- Our confidence comes from knowing who is on the throne.

- The beasts are not on the throne. The kingdoms of this world are not on the throne. God is on the throne.

- Jesus is King!

- Your circumstances may be uncertain, but the throne and Kingdom of Heaven is not.

- He has come; He is reigning; He is coming again. Our Kingdom hope is eternal.

- Our hope is anchored in knowing how the story ends!

3) Live For What Lasts
- Jesus will have the final word!

- The return of Jesus gives us confidence about the future, but it should also change how we live today.

- When you know where history is heading, it changes how you live today.

- Live with eternity in mind.

- What we believe about eternity should change how we live today.

- Living with an eternal perspective, changes how we use our resources, treat people, and make decisions.

- Our hope is anchored in a King and a Kingdom that will never end.

- We can thrive in a world that doesn't last because our hope is in a King who does.

- What am I building my life around, and am I investing in what will last for eternity?