Scripture: Daniel 9
[Today’s goal: To better understand God’s purposes]

The prophecy of Christ (Vs. 24-26)

Sir Robert Anderson’s fascinating calculation:

- \((7 \times 7) + (62 \times 7)\) years = 483 years
- 483 years = 173,880 days (Jewish calendar – 360 days per year)
- March 5, 444 B.C. – 33 A.D. = 476 years
  - 173,740 days (Gregorian calendar – 365 days per year) + 116 days in leap years + 24 days (March 5-March 30) = 173,880 days

1. God’s purposes are always meticulous. –

2. God’s purposes are often gradual. –

3. God’s purposes are sometimes painful. –

Have someone read Sunday’s passage: Daniel 9

1. What truths stand out to you?
   - What do these calculations tell you about God?

2. Share an experience where you observed God work meticulously, gradually, or painfully.
   - What were some of your thoughts and emotions during that time?

3. Share any situations you are presently facing that you need more faith to trust in God’s purposes.
   - Spend time praying about this in the group.

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