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Scripture: Daniel 4:4–5, 15–17, 19, 26–27, 29–35, 37; 5:1–6, 10–12, 17–24, 26, 28, 30

Idea: Leadership is a stewardship. It is temporary. We are accountable.

[Hi everybody! Thanks for tuning in. I'm sure looking forward to being together again. Until then, thanks for joining us from the comfort of wherever you are. For those of you who have allowed us to be your church while your local church is gearing up to reopen, we've enjoyed having you, and we'll be here for you as long as you need us.]

Graphic: Title slide for Leading Through: Three Essentials for Navigating Uncertainty

[Today, we begin a new, four-part series entitled: Leading Through: Three Essentials for Navigating Uncertainty. In light of everything that's happened the last several months, we're all picking up the pieces and moving forward the best we can. Many of us are responsible for helping other folks move forward like family members, employees, team members, students, or members of the community.]

[If you're a parent, manager, business owner, executive, teacher, coach, mayor, or part of a city council, people look to you for direction, inspiration, and mainly hope. Leading under normal conditions is tough enough, right? But leading people through uncertain times is not for the faint of heart. And the people looking to us for leadership have no idea how unprepared we are or how incapable we feel.]

We don't have all the **answers**.

We don't always know what to do.

We are **making it up** as we go along.

[At least I am. Anyway, having the discipline and humility to admit you don't have all the answers actually makes you a better parent, boss, teacher, government official, coach and leader. There's no point kidding ourselves or the people looking to us for direction. Uncertainty is a permanent part of life, and it's a permanent part of the leadership equation.]

Uncertainty is **why** the world needs **leaders**.