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Daniel vs Babylon

Daniel

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

- Share a time or place in life that your faith was pushed, stretched or tested. What was it about that time or place that challenged your belief and trust in God?

In Sunday's message we looked at the challenges Daniel faced in Babylon. Babylon was a pagan kingdom that conquered Judah and took Daniel (and his buddies) out of their comfortable place of worship and relocated them to a place where worship was not only not present, but at times, forbidden.

- When you faced your time or place of faith challenge, were you there willingly, or were you forced to be there?

- Outside of your specific personal experience, where or what are some typical Babylons today?

One thing we learn about Daniel is that he "resolved," he determined, he decided, he purposed in his heart not to defile himself. He resolved that no matter what was happening around him, no matter what the cost, he was going to walk in faithfulness to God.

- What would that look like in the world today? What kinds of things can we resolve to avoid because of our faithfulness to God?

- Share an example of someone who you think lives like that or a specific time when you noticed someone resolving to be faithful.

- How much "resolve" do you have to "not defile yourself;" to walk faithfully with God no matter what happens around you? (Rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 10, and explain why.)

- Finish this sentence: One area of my life I need more "resolve" is

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