

IDENTITY OF AN EXILE

Daniel 1:2-8

And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. 3 Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, 4 youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. 5 The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. 6 Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. 7 And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego. 8 But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.

The key to living as exiles is holding onto your identity as you humbly engage with the world trusting God's guidance for your future.

1. In Exile, You Avoid Compromise by Holding on to Your Identity!

Daniel 1:1-8, 2 Kings 20:16-18, 2 Chronicles 36, Philippians 3:20
 In what ways do you see "identity" as a driving force in the world?

How does knowing your identity in Christ help you to determine areas of no compromise?

What about your identity in Christ do you specifically need to be reminded of to protect you from being absorbed by "Babylon?"

2. As Exiles, We Live Out Our Identity by Humbly Engaging With the World..

Daniel 1:8-16
 In what ways could you resist isolation or hostility to engage others for the sake of Christ?

3. As Exiles, live in the reality of God's faithfulness.

Daniel 1:2,9,17-21. John 3:16, John 17:14-16
 How does it give you comfort to know that God is actively working in every situation until he brings us home?

Church Announcements

- Sunday School 8:30am
- Wednesday study and prayer 7pm (prayer time following study)
 - Discussing Ephesians 1

Special Request

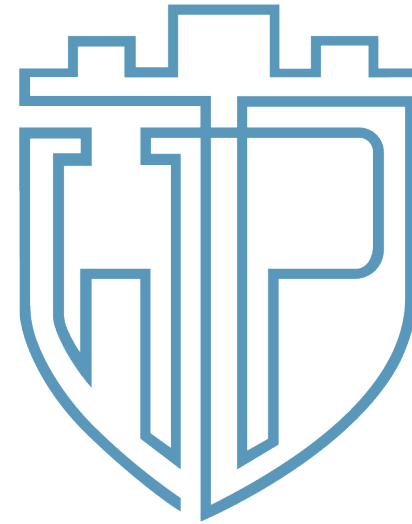
- Pray for Charles Hadaway recovering from cancer surgery.
- Pray for God's church to be united in Christ.
- Pray for the Rillos returning soon from Zambia
- Pray for important decisions facing Elders and Deacons.

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