

# **EXILE: *Courageous Faithfulness...***

**Daniel 1:8-16**

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## **#1 SEE WHAT IS AT STAKE**

- **There are just two alternatives that are permanently**

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*O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed, blessed shall he be who repays you with what you have done to us!*  
(Psalm 137:8)

- **We can look \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence..."*  
(Revelation 18:21)

- **We are to choose \_\_\_\_\_.**

*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*  
(Matthew 6:24)

## #2 RESISTS THE PRESSURE OF...

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. (1 John 2:15-17)*

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### #3 TAKES ACTION

- **By embracing true \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find? (Proverbs 20:6)*
  
- **By acting courageously and \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. (v. 8)*
  
- **By holding your position \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. (v. 8)*
  
- **By anticipating God will honor your \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see. (vv. 12-13)*

**Next Week in EXILE:**

Courageous Faithfulness Is Set Apart  
(Daniel 1:17-21)

**Legend**

There are just two alternatives that are permanently opposed.

We can look ahead.

We are to choose wisely.

Isolation

Indoctrination

Compromise

Confusion

By embracing true faithfulness.

By acting courageously and decisively.

By holding your position modestly.

By anticipating God will honor your faith.

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