

Oxford Baptist Church – Pastor Robin W. Pifer
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Chapter 18 – Daniel in Exile
Read: Chapter 18 - The Story and the Book of Daniel

Dare to be a Daniel
Dare to Stand Alone!
Dare to have a purpose firm!
Dare to make it known. Phillip Bliss 1873

Why was Daniel and his friends 10X better than the others?

- **God showed favour, gave knowledge and understanding to them. Daniel 1:9, 17 – Uprooted and Exiled.**
- **God gave them courage and convictions to live.**

Daniel resolved not to defile himself.... Daniel 1:8

- “Babylon Survivor”
- The Diet Challenge – Daniel 1 – King Nebuchadnezzar
- The First Dream Challenge – Daniel 2
- The Idol Challenge – Daniel 3
- The Second Dream Challenge – Daniel 4
- The Writing Challenge – Daniel 5 - King Belshazzar
- The Den of Lions Challenge – Daniel 6 – King Darius
- **God continued to speak to Daniel. (Daniel 7-12 – Prophet)**
 - Daniel listened and prayed.
 - Daniel lived out his days honouring the Lord. (Dan 12:13)

How can we live 10X Better for God’s glory in troubled times?

1. **Live Life without Compromise. (Daniel 1:8; Matt 6:33)**
2. **Live Life Depending on God through prayer. (Daniel 2:17-18; Phil 4:6)**

3. **Live Life to Worship God alone. (Daniel 3:16-18; Phil 1:21)**
4. **Live Life with Ongoing Spiritual Conviction. (Daniel 6:10)**
5. **Live Life Knowing God will Deliver Us. (Jeremiah 30:1-3)**
 - **Restore, Rescue and Return us Home.**

Give God all the Glory



THE STORY
For Life Groups

1. Review why Daniel and his friends were 10x better than the others. How does this principle of excellence impact our lives at work, at home and in our church life?
2. What does it mean not to defile oneself?
3. List the various ways that God revealed His supernatural power in this chapter. What message did God’s actions send to the exiles? What impression did He make on the gentile leaders?
4. When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down to the golden idol, they did not know whether God would save them or not. How do you stand up for God when you know the results could be disastrous?
5. How did Daniel regard the various governmental authorities? Look up Romans 13:1-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, and Titus 3:1. How should Christians regard governments?
6. How did God show Himself to be sovereign over human kingdoms and rulers? How does this help you view our world today?
7. Why is Matt 6:33 so important for us to memorize and meditate on so we live without compromise?
8. Prayer shows our dependence on the Lord. What do you go to first when you are going through troubled times?
9. How does Daniel continue to live 10X Better for the glory of God into his 80’s? What sets him apart?
10. What is the greatest lesson for you personally from this message?