Resisting Babylon's Influence

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Big Idea: Staying faithful in exile requires wisdom and resolve.

- 1. Staying faithful in exile requires wisdom.
- 2. Staying faithful in exile requires resolve.
- 3. God works through our faithfulness.

The Names in Daniel 1:

Daniel: God judges

Belteshazzar: Protect the life of Marduk

Hananiah: Yahweh is gracious
Shadrasky The sammand of Aky

Shadrack: The command of Aku

Mishael: Who is like God?Meshack: Who is like Aku?

Azariah: God has helped

• Abednego: The servant of Nebo

1 Peter 2:11-12

Sermon questions

Do you ever feel like the values of our world aren't the values you want for yourself or for your family? Ever feel like culture around you is actively making it harder for you to follow Jesus? Ever feel like the people in your life are completely resistant to the message of Jesus?

Meet Daniel. A man who stayed radically faithful to God and thrived in his faith while living right in the middle of one of the most godless kingdoms of all time. He has a lot to teach us about what it looks like to be an exile—a citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world but not of it. We are continuing our series in Daniel, and our passage this Sunday is **Daniel 1.** The Big Idea is: *Staying faithful in exile requires wisdom and resolve*.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

Read Daniel 1

1.	How did Babylon	try to influence the	exiles in Daniel 1 ?
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2. In what ways do you see our culture trying to influence you today?

3.	How do you see Daniel exercise wisdom in this chapter? Where do you need wisdom right now? Consider praying as a group and asking God for the specific wisdom you need.
4.	In what area of your discipleship to Jesus do you need to grow in your resolve? Where is it easiest for you to give in to the influence of our culture?
5.	What is the most attractive thing about Jesus to our culture right now? How does that inform the way that you go towards people who need Jesus in the world around you?