

# APPLICATION

## 5 Keys to Thriving while Living in Babylon



# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

How to Thrive while Living in Babylon

## Part 2: "Standing Up Together"

### TODAY'S TEXT: Daniel 1:8-21

#### 1:8 – The Resolve to Stay \_\_\_\_\_ to the True King

"Purposed" = *sûm* = Set in place, appoint, ordain, establish

"Meat" = *p̄t-bġ* = (a Persian word! Only used in the book of Daniel)

= delicacies, king's food

Why **not** eat the King's food?

- Maybe \_\_\_\_\_ with blood  
**Leviticus 17:14** – "...Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof"
- Sharing food is a powerful picture of \_\_\_\_\_!  
**Exodus 34:15-18** – "Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice... The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep."  
**Luke 22:15** – "And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer..."
- Sharing food is a powerful picture of \_\_\_\_\_!  
**Daniel 11:26** – "Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat (*p̄t-bġ*) shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain."  
**Luke 11:2-3** – "And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread..."

#### 1:9 – A Miracle of \_\_\_\_\_ in the King's Court!

"Favor" = *hesed* = Kindness, mercy, pity

"Tender Love" = *rahām* = Mercy, compassion, womb (4x!), a mother's love



#### \_\_\_\_\_ to the True King

We have *purposed* to follow God over all



#### Deep Ties to \_\_\_\_\_

We need each other's fellowship and \_\_\_\_\_!

**Hebrews 10:24-25** - "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and **so much the more**, as ye see the day approaching."

**Acts 2:46-47** - "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and **breaking bread from house to house**, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

→ What does our \_\_\_\_\_ show about where our most important relationships are?

### DANIEL CHALLENGE #1 - Invite one-another over for \_\_\_\_\_

Make a commitment to *at least* a monthly meal with fellow believers from church. (Who will you invite? When?)



#### Courageous Testimony: \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

We honor the earthly king – but we *obey* God

**Matthew 5:14-16** - "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

→ Where is God calling you to \_\_\_\_\_ up and stand out?



#### Reliance on \_\_\_\_\_: Daily and Urgent

Our *power* comes from God – not human might



#### Gardening with an Eye on the \_\_\_\_\_

Make Babylon *better*, while we wait for the *Eternal* Kingdom

## 1:10 – A \_\_\_\_\_ Fear

**Daniel 3:19-20** – “Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.”

## 1:11-13 – A \_\_\_\_\_, Courageous, and Humble Response

“Pulse” = *zēr’ōn* = Something sown, vegetables, common food

- They took their \_\_\_\_\_, and accepted the \_\_\_\_\_  
**2 Timothy 1:7-12** – “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God...For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”

*“My conscience is captive to the word of God! To go against conscience is neither right nor safe. I therefore cannot, and I will not recant! Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me”*

– Martin Luther

- They \_\_\_\_\_ God for the results  
**Proverbs 3:5-8** – “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.”

## 1:14-16 – God Blessed their Stand with \_\_\_\_\_

“Fairer” = *ṭôḇ* = Good, better, pleasant, happy, bountiful

“Fat” = *bārî* = Well fed, healthy, firm

**Proverbs 4:20** – “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.”

## 1:17 – God Blessed their Stand with \_\_\_\_\_

“Learning” = *sēḇer* = Books, writings, book-learning

“Wisdom” = *ḥākmâ* = Right Actions on the Right Principles

- Wisdom comes from \_\_\_\_\_ God over all  
**Proverbs 4:7-12** – “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding... I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.”
- Wisdom comes from \_\_\_\_\_ God over all  
**Proverbs 15:33** – “The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.”
- Wisdom builds a meaningful life and \_\_\_\_\_  
**Proverbs 24:3** – “Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established”

## 1:18-21 – Standing \_\_\_\_\_ lead to them Standing \_\_\_\_\_

- A noticeable difference = A \_\_\_\_\_ for good or ill  
**Titus 2:11-14** – “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **peculiar people**, zealous of good works.”
- Luke 6:22-23** – “Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, **for the Son of man's sake**. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.”
- A noticeable difference = makes an eternal \_\_\_\_\_  
**1 Peter 2:9-12** – “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a **peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light... Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.”