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**Main Idea:** In Exile, the strength of our witness is dependent on the depth of our character.

- 1. Daniel maintains three regular times of prayer daily to God. We aren't told whether these were long prayers or something short like the repeating of the Shema in Deuteronomy 6:4-6. What are ways, in our everyday living, where we can regularly do things that draw us closer to Christ?
- 2. Daniel's excellence in his work set him apart from those around him. He was said to be trustworthy and without corruption or negligence. This applies to Daniel's work but these principles can also be applied to all of our lives. How can we be found to be trustworthy, honest, and diligent in our marriages, our parenting, our friendships, as well as our work?

- 3. It was noted that when Daniel rebelled he didn't do so in a way that was drawing attention to himself but he didn't conceal it. What makes this an effective form of rebellion? Do we have other examples of people quietly rebel in the Bible or in history?
- 4. In many ways following Christ can seem as a rebellion against our contemporary culture. What are things that make the people of God distinct from the world?
- 5. Daniel is said to be innocent when he comes out of the lion's den. This seems to be because he did what was right, despite it not necessarily complying with the king's edict. What are steps we can take to prioritize being right before God, rather than doing what is right according to the world?