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## Daniel 1

1. God calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ the culture without being \_\_\_\_\_ by the culture so we can \_\_\_\_\_ the culture for Christ.
2. God does not want us to be a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian.
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ of what Jesus died for, do not be \_\_\_\_\_ by it.
4. Purpose in your heart to do the Lord's will \_\_\_\_\_, in a way that honors Jesus.
5. The Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ your faithfulness.
6. Prayer: consistent, fervent, humble – Not our \_\_\_\_\_, but our \_\_\_\_\_ of defense.

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## Sermon Talks

1. Read Daniel 1 as you prepare to work through the sermon talks.
2. How did the Babylonians try to change the identity of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah?
3. As Christians, our identity is in Jesus Christ. How is that identity threatened daily? How has it been threatened in you?
4. What does it mean to be a "Cultural Christian?" Have there been times where you have been guilty of this? List ways to prevent it.
5. There are times where we can entertain what Jesus died for (sin) instead of repenting of it. What are some examples of this?
6. Read Matthew 7:13-14. What do the gates represent that Jesus speaks of? Why is this so important to us? How has this truth been misunderstood?
7. What are steps you can take to purpose (or resolve) in your heart to do the Lord's will before the temptation comes? How can we do that in a way that honors Jesus?
8. Do you remember a time when God rewarded your faithfulness?
9. Read Psalm 5:12, Psalm 18:24-27, Proverbs 16:7, and 1 Corinthians 1:30-31. What do these verses say about God's response to our faithfulness?
10. Why is prayer so often our last resort instead of our first line of defense? Why is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 so important?
11. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer.