

The Story

Daniel In Exile

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

Week of January 18, 2009

Read Chapter 20 of *The Story*: “Daniel in Exile.”

1. Daniel and many, many others had been brought to Babylon from Jerusalem as “captives.” Some of these smart, good-looking captives were selected to be trained and groomed for service to the king.
How would you like that kind of captivity?
2. **In what ways do you see Daniel’s faith in God?**
3. **What enabled Daniel’s three friends to stand against the king’s orders? Would you have been able to do the same thing?**
4. **Why did Daniel prosper under the kings of Babylon and Persia? Wasn’t he just a prisoner from a foreign land?**
5. **What other options would someone like Daniel have when they heard the new law forbidding prayer to anyone but the king? Wouldn’t it be possible to pray still but not get caught? Why did Daniel continue to pray in front of an open window in light of the decree?**
6. **What can you learn about prayer from Daniel?**
7. **What steps can you take to become more devoted to prayer?**