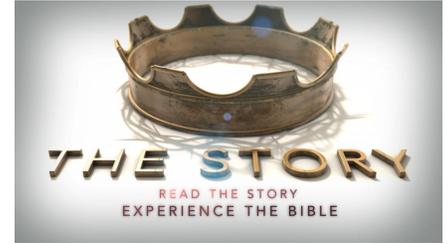


## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for June 27, 2021:  
*Chapter 18: Daniel in Exile*



### For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Tell a story about a time when you lived away from home.

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*13 Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, 14 and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? 15 Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?" 16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us[a] from Your Majesty's hand. 18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." Daniel 3:13-18*

1. How do the Israelites come to live in Babylon? What kind of King is Nebuchadnezzar?
2. Read Jeremiah 29:4-14. How does God call His people to live as exiles in Babylon? Is this reflected in Daniel's life?
3. What temptations might be present when we are away from home that are not present (or as strong) when we are at home?
4. When Daniel and his three friends became prisoners of war, they were pressured to change many things as part of their training process (pp. 249-250). What concessions were they willing to make and where did they draw the line?
5. When Daniel heard King N.'s seemingly impossible request (pp. 250-252), how does he respond?
6. How would you describe the God Daniel praises in Dan. 2:27-30? When things go well in your life, who usually gets the credit?
7. If you were faced with the same challenge faced by Daniels' three friends, what would be your considerations as you prepare to respond? What did they expect to happen (Dan. 3:16-18)?
8. Read Dan. 3:25. Who was with Daniel's three friends in the furnace? What does that say to you about the trials you face?
9. What does Daniel's name mean? How is his name reflected in his life?
10. When we cry out to God for rescue, does rescue always come? What do you do when God is

silent?

11. Does King N ever come to faith in God? (Dan. 4:33-35) Does this carry through to his son, Belshazzar (5:1-4)?
12. Read Dan. 6:10-13. Do you think it would have been a better idea for Daniel to pray quietly, privately, with the windows closed? (see Matthew 6:6)
13. Read Dan. 6:25-28. How does this fulfill Genesis 27:29?
14. What is the difference between a thermometer and a thermostat? Where do you see our culture today encouraging you or someone you know to compromise your faith?
15. How do you think the story of Daniel and his friends would have encouraged the Israelites in exile?

- **SERVE** *others*

Praying together reminds us that we are not alone -- we have one another and we have God with us. Who in your life needs to know they are not alone now? Might you invite them to pray together?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**