



## **THRIVING IN BABYLON – “Doing Right and Trusting God”**

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCE – Daniel 6:1-28

### PRIMARY OUTCOME

- That we would be willing to perform good and righteous acts of faith regardless of the personal cost involved.

### EXPRESSIONS OF SIN

- Sins of Commission (doing bad/wrong things).
- Sins of Omission (not doing good/right things).
- See Paul’s example of both expressions in Romans 7:19.

***When we live for God in a world that doesn’t always live for God we will see the following:***

### INSPIRATION INCREASES (See Daniel 6:1-3)

- Inspiring impact on other people, especially people who are not living for God.

### OPPOSITION INCREASES (See Daniel 6:4)

- Others will not understand our values, beliefs, etc. and provide pushback – potentially even our friends and family.

### TEMPTATION INCREASES (See Daniel 6:5-7)

- Temptation may come in the form of sins of omission.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ice Breaker – Play the “2 truths 1 lie” game with your group. All of them have to have something to do with religion, faith, church, etc. Then tell your story about when you became a Christian.
2. Give some examples of sins of commission that we tend to minimize.
3. Give some examples of sins of omission that we tend to minimize.
4. If you owned a large corporation and were looking for a CEO what qualities would you look for in that person?
5. What spiritual qualities among godly people do you think inspire people of the world? Can you think of any spiritual qualities you have displayed that have helped you in the world?
6. Daniel’s opposition came from people who were jealous of his position. What kind of opposition do you see being targeted upon followers of God today? Why do you think this opposition is occurring today?
7. Have you ever faced spiritual opposition from a person?
8. Daniel’s cost of rejecting the temptation of the sin of omission was the lion’s den. Can you think of a time when you had to pay a cost to do the right thing?
9. What do you most like about your church right now?
10. If you were responsible for painting the picture of what your church would be doing ten years from now, what would be included in your picture?

