

THRIVING IN BABYLON

“Living for God in Babylon”, Daniel 1

October 2 & 5, 2016: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Daniel found himself in a very difficult situation and was able to prevail by God’s grace even as he lived in a very difficult situation.

Daniel became a personal advisor for King Nebuchadnezzar, the Emperor of the Babylonian Empire in 605 BC.

One of the amazing messages of this book is that the rising and falling of political empires is sometimes orchestrated *by God for God’s purposes*.

The very first thing the Babylonians try to do is distance them from the values of their faith...even by the names they call them.

I. Prevail Where You’re Planted!

If you are a follower of Jesus, this world is not your home.

We are an outpost of Heaven. *Jeremiah 29:4-7 NIV*

Daniel wasn’t depressed by his culture – he thought he was deployed by God to make a difference and he did!

II. Pick Your Battles in Advance!

People like Daniel refuse to allow circumstances to mold their character. They draw battle lines in advance!

If we won’t draw a line on the little issues of character, we probably won’t have the courage to draw a line on bigger tests that will inevitably come.

I would rather be remembered for standing out than forgotten for blending in.

Honoring God in little ethical decisions is usually rewarded by God giving you opportunities to honor Him in dramatic ethical decisions!

III. Trust That God Is Always Working Ahead of You!

When the culture is the darkest, the need for the light of God’s love and truth is the greatest. That’s why He sends us!

Ministry Opportunities

For the full list of upcoming events, visit CompassionChristian.com/events.

Porn and Pizza

7 - 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7

Adult Ministry Center across the street

This event hosted by Celebrate Recovery features a panel of speakers who will share tactics for avoiding pornography, ways to recover from pornography addictions and how to help someone who is struggling with pornography. Pizza will be provided. Childcare is available in the Lighthouse building just behind the Adult Ministry Center and begins at 6:30 p.m.

Country Carnival

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8

Henderson Campus

Invite a family to come with you to our fall Country Carnival. It's a fun, family event with carnival games, prizes, sack races and crafts. Children will have fun climbing and sitting in a helicopter, hang glider, SWAT vehicle, race cars and other vehicles. We'll serve free snacks and hot dogs.

Journey Serve Days

7 a.m. - noon, Saturday, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 5 and Nov. 19

Bethlehem set behind The Link

Come help us build and decorate the sets for this year's Journey production! We are looking for people with carpentry and building skills. Please bring tools if you have them. Ensure your name is clearly marked. Water and snacks will be provided. This serve day is not suitable for children unless they are under parental supervision.

Spiritual Parenting Class

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 16 - Nov. 20

The Atrium

This six-week class based on "Spiritual Parenting" by Michelle Anthony empowers parents to be the primary nurturers of their children's faith and teaches them how to create the best environment for this. You can purchase the book in The Source bookstore, but this is not a prerequisite for the class. RSVP to elevate@compassionchristian.com if you plan to attend.