THRIVING IN BABYLON

"Standing for God When it Means Standing Alone!" Daniel 6

October 30 & November 2, 2016: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Matthew 20:26-28 NIV; Daniel 5:27-28

- I. Faithfulness Leads to Advancement...Be <u>Diligent</u>.
- II. Advancement Draws Opposition...Be Prepared.

Jealousy is the tribute that mediocrity pays to genius! - Fulton J Sheen

If you're faithful to God you may be <u>opposed</u>, but you will definitely be blessed!

III. Opposition Brings Challenges...Be Consistent. John 16:33 NIV

Challenges don't determine who you are...they <u>reveal</u> who you are.

Your message is always heard in the context of your <u>character!</u>

IV. Challenges Provide Tests...Be Resolute!

I'm going to give you two tests today: a "math test" and an "integrity test". If you can only pass one...make it the <u>integrity</u> test.

- V. Tests Provide Opportunities...Be Watching!
- VI. Opportunities Can Produce Glory...Be Grateful!

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Many of the most important lessons can only be learned and taught when something is <u>taken from</u> you.

Ministry Opportunities

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Sunday, Nov. 6 and Wednesday, Nov. 9

Change the life of a child by filling a shoebox with toys, games and small gifts. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners in over 130 countries worldwide to deliver the boxes and share the Good News of Jesus with children who wouldn't normally receive a Christmas gift. Pick up a box in the lobby and bring it back filled next week for our Compassion Christian collection week. If you need more time to pack your box, leave it in the collection bin in the lobby by Monday, Nov. 21.

Journey Serve Days

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

Bethlehem set behind The Link

If you have carpentry and building skills, come help us build the sets for this year's Journey production! Please bring tools if you have them. Ensure your name is marked clearly. Water and snacks will be provided. All children must be under parental supervision.

REAL Time All Campus Event

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10

The Link across the lake

Women from all campuses are invited to this special REAL time event with Esther Burroughs, national speaker and author of several books. As Esther shares lessons she's learned, she'll inspire you to plant the seeds God has given you and invest more in your family and relationships. Esther's books will be available for purchase after the event. A light dinner will be served. Purchase your \$10 ticket at CompassionChristian.com by Thursday, Nov. 3.

Global Encounter

6:30 - 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14

The Lobby

Choose Compassion and participate in one of our 2017 Global Outreach teams to serve with our missionary partners here in the U.S. and around the world. Come to this event to find out the details of the 2017 short-term trips, ask questions, meet the trip leaders and sign up to go.