

Daniel's pattern of influence in Babylon

**Exceptional LOVE**

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**Exceptional CHARACTER**

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**Exceptional PRAYER**

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**Exceptional \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

*What is God saying to you in this message?  
About who and how you can serve?  
About your character?  
About your prayer life?  
About moving in God's power?*

### THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

*The good news is that the just and gracious Creator of the universe has looked upon hopelessly sinful men and women and has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection, so that everyone who turns from their sin and themselves, and trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord, will be reconciled to God forever.*

If you would like more information about following Christ, go to the NEXT STEPS kiosk or Bookstore kiosk to get a free Bible and resources to help you grow. You can learn more about water baptism and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Next Sunday - Counter Culture Part 6

Pictures of Prophecy

Honoring all High School Graduates in 11am service next Sunday



### Part 5 Culture's Greatest Need

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What are followers of Christ to do in the current culture?

Do we stand **AGAINST** culture? Or is that **CONTENTIOUS**?

Do we stand **DOWN** from our culture? Or is that **COMPROMISE**?

Do we stand **ASIDE** from culture? Or is that **COWARDICE**?

Do we stand **UP** in our culture? That takes **COURAGE & CONVICTION**

- Dr. David Jeremiah, *Agents of Babylon*

### BIG IDEA

Culture's greatest need is \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture Text for today's message

*"It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his **exceptional qualities** that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Finally these men said, 'We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel' ..."*

**Daniel 6:1-5**

*“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us”*  
**2 Corinthians 5:20**

*“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*  
**2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

*“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms...”*  
**Ephesians 3:10**

## Serve with Exceptional \_\_\_\_\_

*“This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. . . Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease....”*  
**Jeremiah 29:4-6 ESV**

*“...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”*  
**Jeremiah 29:7 NIV**

*“We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel...”*

## Live with Exceptional \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 6:5**

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*  
**Matthew 5:13-16**

*“...when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home*

## Pray with Exceptional \_\_\_\_\_

*and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God”*  
**Daniel 6:10**

How is your prayer life right now?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<i>Nonexistent</i>				<i>hit and miss</i>			<i>exceptional</i>	

What will you do to build it?

Daniel’s service to the four kings of Babylon included interpreting dreams, speaking prophetically and miraculous deliverance.

## Minister with Exceptional \_\_\_\_\_

*“In the last days pour out my spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. . . .”*  
**Acts 2:17**

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved...”*  
**Acts 2:21**