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Order of Worship
August 3, 2025
Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: In The Fire Sermon: "Daniel 1: Deciding in the Fire"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

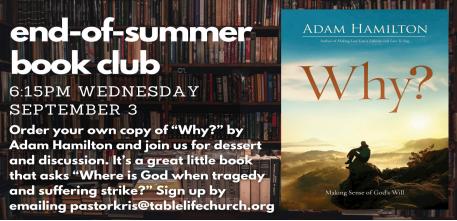
Community Life
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen

The Book of Daniel Bible Reading Plan

JOIN US AS WE READ THROUGH THE FIRST
SIX CHAPTERS OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL
OVER THE NEXT SIX WEEKS! COPIES OF THE
READING PLAN ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY
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For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit <u>tablelifecturch.org</u>.

Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What things do you do to remain faithful in hard times or when it feels like nobody else is?
- 2. What stands out to you about Daniel in the story so far?
- 3. What is your Judah—the place/time/situation you long to go back to? What is your Babylon—the place of uncertainty and perhaps where you didn't choose to be?
- 4. When have you personally experienced a time like that in your life, when you lost your spiritual mooring? When have you felt like you were in a personal exile?
- 5. How are you responding to the spiritual exile you are facing right now? Are you tempted to throw in the towel spiritually? Give up on God? Mope and complain? Or are you deciding to live for Jesus in your circumstances? What does that look like?
- 6. What would it look like for you to be faithful to God and serve in the midst of the exile?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444

In the Fire "Daniel 1: Deciding in the Fire" Pastor Kris Beckert

How do you remain faithful in the fire?

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Daniel 1:1–2 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.

Daniel 1:3–7 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles, ⁴ youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. ⁵ The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service. ⁶ Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷ Then the commander

of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach and to Azariah Abednego.

II. How do we respond in exile?

1. _____ you are going to live for God right where you are

Daniel 1:8–16 But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials, 10 and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king." 11 But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, 12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13 Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see." 14 So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days. 15 At the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food. ¹⁶ So the overseer continued to withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables.

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Daniel 1:17–21 As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams. ¹⁸ Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them, the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's personal service. ²⁰ As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm. ²¹ And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.

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