



**September 12/13**  
**DISTANCE LEARNING**  
*(Choose to Flourish in Exile)*  
**Resistance**  
Daniel 1:1-21  
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*(Sermon fill-in notes and Scripture references)*

Living with resolve means we refuse to allow our **circumstances** to determine our **faithfulness**.

“You have to be stronger than these tormentors that you find everywhere today.” - **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Remember your true **identity**.

<sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, “**If you are the Son of God**, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” (**Matthew 4:3**)

Resist the draw toward **conformity**.

<sup>11</sup> and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. (**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12**)

Recognize obedience precedes **blessing**.

“Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the Lord your God.” (**Deuteronomy 28:1-2**)

God is **bigger** than your **Babylon**.