

Living in Exile



Sunday, May 19, 2019 | “We’re Not in Kansas Anymore”
Daniel 1:1–7

Christians, once upon a time, we in the centre of power for our culture. However, now we have been moved to the margins and our voice has become weak. This is what Scripture refers to as being in exile. Our question isn’t how to return to power, but how to authentically learn to live in exile. The first call on us is to be incarnational.

Sunday, May 26, 2019 | “Strange, Stranger, Strangest”
Daniel 1:8–21

When we find ourselves as strangers in a strange place we can be called on, and be tempted to, conform to the majority host culture. However, it is by remaining strange that we can begin to transform our host culture with the good news.

Sunday, June 2, 2019 | “Honestly Serving the Other”
Daniel 2:14–24

It can be very tempting when we realize our place of powerlessness to become afraid. We know that fear causes us to react in a variety of ways such as flight/flight or freeze/appease. What should mark our exile is not fear but sonship which allows us a different reaction altogether.

Sunday, June 9, 2019 | “Sorting Out the Lines”
Daniel 3:8–18

In the place of exile it can be easy to get caught up in either/or thinking which keeps everything polarized. That way we are always getting caught up in both cultural or religious traps. Rather, we are called to look for a third option, that of the kingdom.

Sunday, June 16, 2019 | “Seeing the Future”
Daniel 7:8–14

Being in exile can be an extremely distressing way to live and hard to keep going—swimming against the stream. In order to keep swimming it is essential to know the future and begin to have it infuse the present. In short, we need to swim in a new stream.