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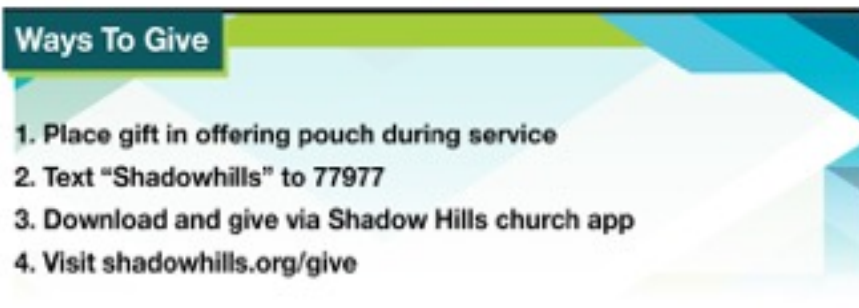
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A COMMITMENT TO ENDURE

Renew - 3

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“In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim King of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon came to Jerusalem and laid siege to it. The Lord handed Jehoiakim King of Judah over to him, along with some of the vessels from the house of God. Nebuchadnezzar carried them to the land of Babylon, to the house of his god, and put the vessels in the treasury of his god.” Daniel 1:1-2 (CSB)

“The king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his court officials, to bring some of the Israelites from the royal family and from the nobility young men without any physical defect, good-looking, suitable for instruction in all wisdom, knowledgeable, perceptive, and capable of serving in the king’s palace and to teach them the Chaldean language and literature.”

Daniel 1:3-4 (CSB)

“The king assigned them daily provisions from the royal food and from the wine that he drank. They were to be trained for three years, and at the end of that time they were to serve in the king’s court. Among them, from the descendants of Judah, were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. The chief official gave them other names: he gave the name Beltshazzar to Daniel, Shadrach to Hananiah, Meshach to Mishael, and Abednego to Azariah.” Daniel 1:5-7 (CSB)

“Daniel determined that he would not defile himself with the king’s food or with the wine he drank. So he asked permission from the chief official not to defile himself.”

Daniel 1:8 (CSB)

I. Resolve To Guard Your **BOUNDARIES**

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II. Rely On **GUIDANCE** From Heaven

“Daniel determined that he would not defile himself with the king’s food or with the wine he drank. So he asked permission from the chief official not to defile himself. God had granted Daniel favor and compassion from the chief official, yet he said to Daniel, ‘My lord the king assigned your food and drink. I’m afraid of what would happen if he saw your faces looking thinner than those of the other young men your age. You would endanger my life with the king.’ So Daniel said to the guard whom the chief official had assigned to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ‘Please test your servants for 10 days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then examine our appearance and the appearance of the young men who are eating the king’s food, and deal with your servants based on what you see.’ He agreed with them about this and tested them for 10 days.” Daniel 1:8-14 (CSB)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (CSB)

III. Remember That God Is Always **WORKING**

*“And the Lord **handed** Jehoiakim king of Judah over to him...” Daniel 1:2 (CSB)*

*“And God **granted** Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs.” Daniel 1:9 (CSB)*

*“As for these four youths, God **gave** them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom.” Daniel 1:17 (CSB)*

“And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.” Daniel 1:21 (CSB)