

CHAPTER 18
Daniel in Exile

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

1. Carefully observe how the chapter describes Daniel (p. 249, 257-258, 259). Do other characters in the chapter confirm or deny such attributes?
2. How does your prayer life compare to that of Daniel? Is it difficult for you to set aside time for regular prayer?
3. Although they might have only been teenagers, Daniel and his friends stand out for their choices to observe a strict diet and only worship their God. How can you help the young people you know to be more like Daniel and his friends?
4. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were punished for their faithfulness to God. How would you answer the question, "Why does God allow bad things to happen to people of faith?"
5. Daniel and his friends remained faithful to God, although they were given leadership positions in a pagan government. What can you learn from their leadership? What can you learn from their relationships with their boss and co-workers?
6. Did God promise Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego deliverance from the fiery furnace? What consequences are you willing to accept in order to stand firm in your faith?
7. Daniel's integrity was so consistent and above reproach that even his enemies could find no grounds to accuse him (p. 257-258). Examine your own life. Do any inconsistencies exist between your public life and your private life?