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Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

Passage: Daniel 1:1-2:49

☀️ **THREAD:** Daniel _____ to succeed and he shined bright because of it.

1. Daniel _____ to his circumstances.

- He trusted the _____ of God.
- *"And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."* Jeremiah 29:7
- If you don't like your circumstances:
 - _____ to do something else, somewhere else. You aren't helping anyone where you are...you aren't shining bright.
 - _____ the reality, _____ to them as your starting point, now join with God in waiting for His opportunity.

2. Daniel _____.

- Daniel was forced into it, but at some point, Daniel _____ to be a servant to his employer.
- Daniel's view of authority influenced the decisions he was making every day.
 - Enabled him to _____.
 - Enabled him to _____.
 - Enabled him to be _____ in the hands of God.
 - *"And it is not because I am wiser than anyone else that I know the secret of your dream, but because God wants you to understand what was in your heart."* Daniel 2:30

3. Daniel strived for _____.

4. Daniel's employer was asking himself 3 critical questions about him:

1. _____ you do the job? (*Competency-talents, gifts, and abilities*)
2. Will you _____ my _____ and my _____?
3. Can I _____ you will do the job/task to the _____ of your abilities? (*I need to be FREE to do what I NEED to do.*)

5. God . . .

- _____ Daniel.
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 - *"Unusual aptitude for understanding"* his job description.
 - *"Special ability to interpret the meanings of visions and dreams."*
 - King was *"impressed"*; Daniel and his friends stood out from among all the rest by 10X.
 - God placed him in front of kings to speak FOR Him.
 - In time would become wealthy as a reward for trusting in the sovereignty of God and serving.
 - And wants to bless you...
 - _____ X _____

Challenge:

- Will I commit to being a bright light in my workplace?
- Will I trust God's sovereignty by accepting my circumstances?
- Will I serve?
- Will I strive for excellence?

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CHAIR TIME TOOLS

This week take a moment to prayerfully ask God to reveal truth to you regarding the following questions:

1. Do you have an attitude of being willing to serve in your place of work?
2. In what ways do you need to practice acceptance with your environment (the things that are beyond your ability to change)?
3. Are you teachable?
4. What can you do to keep your work relationships healthy?

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