

Committed

Walking with Jesus in a Post-Christian Generation

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What was Babylon?

Why was it so evil?

Revelation 14:8 NLT

- Babylon's evil was so dark it had become the personification of evil in scripture.

Babylon is the antithesis of everything God's people believed in. Now it is his home.

- Even as dark as some corners are in our culture, we do not live in Babylon.

- We don't have to live in Babylon to recognize evil's influence when we see it. We look to God for the help He offers in navigating our everyday lives in God-honoring ways.

Thread: To live a God-honoring life in a culture that does not always honor God, we start with keeping our commitment.

God is in control.

Jeremiah 20:1-6 NLT

- Babylon was allowed to do this because of the sins of Israel.

Daniel's commitment

- Was Daniel a fierce follower of God before taken captive or did his captivity become the painful event that brought it about?
 - Committed his heart to God.
 - Committed his actions to God.
 - Committed to swim against the currents working against him.
 - Committed to BE the Kingdom of God wherever he stood.
 - His light shined encouragement and witness to people.

- Daniel knows why he is there.
 - Sin's consequences.
 - Help others find their faith.
 - Help others find their faith again.
- He believed God would lead him.

God's response to Daniel's commitment

Daniel 1:3-9

- What was impossible for him was now made possible.
- Daniel was given privileges others weren't so he could honor God with his life.

Challenge:

- Are you committed?
- Do we know why we are here?
 - Walk committed with God.
 - Help others find their faith again.
 - Encourage the faith of others.

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