

Prospering in Exile

Jerusalem	Babylon
Faith at the <u>center</u>	Faith in the <u>margins</u>
Monotheistic	Polytheistic
Idol: <u>piety</u>	Idol: <u>syncretism</u>
Values: <u>religious devotion</u>	Values: <u>power and accumulation</u>

The First Lion: Envious Co-Worker (Daniel 6:1-9)

"Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." 1 Peter 2:11-12

The Second Lion: Compromise Allegiance (Daniel 6:10-16)

"86 years have I have served him and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?" -Polycarp

The Third Lion: The Lion's Den (Daniel 6:17-28)


How to Prosper in Exile:

1. Belonging before Belief
2. Friction Produces Faithfulness

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." James 1:2-3

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Discussion Questions

- Who in your life are you extending belonging to despite not sharing the same belief?
- What other lessons does Daniel provide us for living in exile?
- What's a friction in your life that you desire for God to use to produce faithfulness? 

ANGEL TREE - *Next Sunday, November 21*

Our Angel Tree opportunity is fast approaching when you will be able to select a child (or more than one child) from our Christmas tree. This is a chance to represent an incarcerated parent by giving a Christmas gift.

LINGER LONGER - *Next Sunday, November 21, after our Sunday Gathering*

A Linger Longer Lunch at last! Sunday, November 21, after the 10am gathering we will have a fine lunch with great fellowship. Soup and bread, pumpkin pie and cookies . . . also peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the kids. Let's come be thankful together.

UNTO US KID'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Kid's PreK-5th grade are invited to participate in our annual Christmas choir. Practices begin next Sunday during class time. Our performance is on Sunday, December 19th. Please sign-up your child in the lobby.

FAMILY ADVENT BOXES

We want to equip your family to prepare for and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Pick-up your Advent box on Sunday, November 21st. It includes weekly activities and devotions as we anticipate a Christmas to Remember.

THANKSGIVING EVE ZOOM SHARING & PRAYER - *Wednesday, November 24th @ 7pm*

You are invited to a thanksgiving connection with others from New Harvest through Zoom, facilitated by Barry. Let him know if you want to attend through the Connection Card or email: barry@newharvestch.org. Barry will email you the invite to connect that evening.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS - *Saturday, November 27, 9am-12pm*

Christmas is just around the corner. We are decorating the church on the 27th. We'll be decorating the Lobby & Auditorium with Christmas trees & décor for the season. We need at least 4-5 people willing to give up a few hours. If you are able to help out, please connect with Celeste either in person or email (celeste@newharvestch.org).

BLOOD DRIVE - *Thursday, December 9 in the Gym, 10am-3pm*

What better way to celebrate Christmas than giving the gift of life? We are hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, December 9. Sign up early so you can get into the timeslot you want. Just visit redcrossblood.org & enter sponsor code: NewHarvest.

ALL IS BRIGHT

A NEW HARVEST WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Saturday, December 11, 10-11:30am in the Auditorium

Join us for this free event for women. Our speaker will be our own Debi Stangeland. Sign up in the Lobby if you intend to attend this event.

Welcome

GUESTS & VISITORS

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.