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Message Notes

1. An old axiom says: "Measure what's important". What is important enough to measure in your life and how do you measure it?
2. Read **Daniel 5:13-31**. Have you ever sensed God "writing on the wall" of your life indicating that unless something changes, trouble is coming? If you have, what was "written" and how did you respond?
3. What is your honest, first reaction to the idea of God judging you? [Please answer the prior question before proceeding.] What does that response reveal about what you believe about yourself and who you are in relationship to God?
4. Pastor Kyle said that "God is a judge, and no one escapes His judgments", but then later refers to this truth as an encouragement both to the exiles in Babylon and Christians today. How can God as judge be good news for broken, fallen people? (See **Galatians 3:13a** and **2 Corinthians 5:21**)
5. Think of what you most dislike or are ashamed of about yourself. On the count of 3, speak that thing softly or in your own head but follow it with, "But God's mercy is more." Repeat until the truth begins to overcome the lie that God's mercy isn't enough for you.

Questions from *Thriving in Babylon*, chapters 14-17

1. Osborne (pg 149) says humility means serving others, even those we'd rather not serve or who we don't feel deserve to be served. How does Daniel's service to his captors, Nebuchadnezzar, and his government translate into our context?
2. Osborne says "Biblical humility offers respect to everyone" because "everyone bears the image of God, no matter how marred that image might be," (pages 154-155). Daniel, Joseph, and Jesus showed respect to tyrannical rulers while living in evil empires. What changes in perspective/attitude would we need to demonstrate that kind of humility today?
3. Osborne writes: "Non-Christians are not the enemy. They're the victims of the Enemy. Victims need to be rescued, not wiped out" (pg 163; see **2 Timothy 2:24-26**). How can you stay gracious/humble toward people you despise or count as your enemies because of their views and lifestyle?
4. Refer to the section, *Teach Me What You Want*, on pages 172-173. How do you decide when your participation in something constitutes an endorsement of it or whether it will potentially give you credibility to speak into another life later?



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We never stop _____ and being measured.

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HOW DO WE EXIST WHEN WHERE WE ARE IS NOT OUR PLACE AND NOT OUR PEOPLE?

Will we _____ or will we Stand Tall?

God _____

Daniel 5:1-9, 13-31

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John 5:27

2 Corinthians 5:10

Revelation 20:11-12

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Dive deeper into _____ today.

If you're stubborn or scared, is it because you've never said _____ to Jesus?

We praise Him because the words that now mark our judgment are not _____ or *condemned*... the words are *infinite* _____ and *inexhaustible* mercy!

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