

# SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING GUIDE

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Though Daniel was immersed in Babylonian culture and was in it to redeem it, there were definitely moments when he was pressured to make compromises against God's will. Of course he refused to disobey God, but navigated through his experiences with humble holiness. Being loyal to God while being loyal to redemption in humble holiness is the way Daniel lived out his time in exile.



## CONVERSATION STARTER

Describe some environments or seasons of life when you've felt pressured to compromise your loyalty to God.

## READ AND DISCUSS

Read Daniel 6:3-5,10

From what you know about Daniel, what does *humble holiness* look like?

We talked about this idea of "dual loyalty," to be **loyal to redeeming the city and culture** that God has placed you in while being completely **loyal to God**. What do you think that "dual loyalty" looks like for us today?

Why is this idea of dual loyalty difficult and how do we fail at this?

Daniel had a "quiet, patient, fixed resolve to bear all and not to deny his God." Talk about why it might be good to live this way.

Think about the result of Daniel's humble holiness. He was highly committed to redemption and highly committed to his God no matter how uncomfortable it was. Read Daniel 6:25-27 and discuss King Darius' statement as a result of Daniel's humble holiness and "dual loyalty."

## APPLICATION

What are some ways you feel pressured to compromise God's will?

How does living out humble holiness get lived out in your exile as a Christian in this world?

How can you become more loyal and redemptive in your work, family, community without compromising God's way and values; living for redemption while living in loyalty to God.