Live On Purpose.

Daniel: Lesson 1 of 7: MANUP.online

"But Daniel PURPOSED in his heart not to defile himself . . ."

- Daniel 1:8

History: King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded the nation of Judah in 605 B.C. and took the sacred objects from the temple and also took some of their royal men as captives.

Read: Daniel 1:1-8 (pg. 940) Genesis 11:1-9 (pg. 18)

Why Does God Allow a Crisis?

- God will often use a crisis to get your <u>attention</u>.
- God will often use a crisis to grow your <u>faith</u>.
- God will often use a crisis to show off his power.

There comes a time in every man's life that he must <u>CHOOSE HIS KING</u>.

| Kingdom of Babylon | Kingdom of Heaven |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Youth | Wisdom |
| Beauty | Integrity |
| Strength | Weakness |
| Fortune | Generosity |
| Fame | Humility |

The Truth About Babylon.

- Babylon is a culture that will consume you and destroy you.
- Babylon is the culture where God <u>placed</u> you on <u>purpose</u>.

Daniel 1:8 (pg. 940)

⁸ But Daniel was <u>determined</u> (purposed) not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods.

PURPOSE = the reason why you do what you do.

The Truth About Purpose.

- Purpose is what keeps you going when you want to guit.
- Purpose is what keeps you <u>focused</u>
 when everything looks <u>shiny</u>.
- Purpose is what gives you meaning in the <u>mundane</u> of life.
- Purpose isn't a one-time <u>decision</u> it's an everyday <u>choice</u>.

Read: Daniel 1:8-21 (pg. 940)

When You Live on Purpose...

- Others are inspired to join you.
- God will take care of blessing you.

Q: Are you READY to be a Daniel?