

THE WAY OF THE EXILE

OPEN: When it comes to change, are you more likely to “go with the flow” or “dig in your heels”?

READ: Amos 9:13-15

WATCH: [The Way of the Exile](#)

STUDY: Daniel 1:1-21

- What did Israel lose when they were exiled to Babylon? In what ways can you identify with Israel’s loss of all they knew and loved?
- How did Daniel practice both loyalty and subversion?
- In what ways can Daniel’s example help you navigate the losses we’ve experienced in our country?

STUDY: 1 Peter 2:9-17

- What do you find most challenging in Peter’s instructions on how to live as an exile?
- How would following Peter’s instructions make you loyal in our nation? Subversive?
- The world says we only have two options: either we obtain power so we can resist or we do not have power so we give in. What enables the believer to choose the third way of loyal subversion?

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- How is Li Yang both loyal and subversive?

SO WHAT: Read Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11

- What steps can you take to “*seek the welfare of the city*”? How can you do this if leaders, institutions, and businesses are not in line with what you think best?
- What role does Jeremiah 29:1 play in helping you seek the welfare of the city?