

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

# Living in Babylon

TUNE: My Jesus, I Love Thee (GORDON)  
Daniel 1; with: Psalm 23:1; John 13:35; Ephesians 4:15  
1 Timothy 6:11; 1 Peter 1:1; 1 John 4:8

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C D E C B<sup>b</sup> C

1. Lord, we are Your chil - dren. Stay near us, we pray, Now  
2. Great God, You are love! You are love here and now, So  
3. O Lord, keep us fear - less, yet kind like Your Son, With  
4. In - spire us to speak with Your heart and Your smile, Both

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strang - ers and ex - iles, our home far a - way. But  
help us be lov - ing. Each day show us how. Dis -  
You, ho - ly Fa - ther, and Je - sus now one. So  
lov - ing and truth - ful, no harsh - ness, no guile. A -

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You, the Al - might - y, are Lord e - ven here, Our  
play Your great mer - cy through all that we do. Be  
help us to lead by ex - am - ple, not force, With  
live in Your Spir - it, with hope ev - er new, Our

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GORDON  
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joy and our Shep - herd, our free - dom from fear.  
 real to these dear ones who need to see You.  
 love as our pow - er, and You as the Source.  
 home here and now, O our Fa - ther, is You!

TOPICS: God's Love; Pilgrimage, Life as a; Relationships

LEAD-IN: *By this all people will know that you are My disciples:  
if you have love for one another.*" (John 13:35, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## Reflection on Daniel 1

Imagine a ruthless foreign enemy  
completely destroying your homeland,  
killing many of your family and friends,  
then forcing you and many others to  
move to their land and serve them.  
Even your old name is taken away.

And where is your God in all this?  
He commands you  
to make their home your home,  
to settle in and make a life for yourself there, and  
to seek the welfare of your new country.

As a young person, the life ahead of you will now be  
serving your captors and  
finding a way to settle into this foreign place.

This was Daniel's situation.  
This would now be Daniel's entire life.

And in a way, it is our life as well.  
Our daily challenge is to be both  
a good citizen of Babylon and  
a good citizen of the Kingdom of God.

We are to find a way to  
be true to our loving Father  
while being true in our present relationships and  
societal obligations.

We are to live the truth,  
even when it means swimming against the current of our culture.

But we are to hold to the truth  
with the gentleness and joy of Jesus,  
without harsh, obnoxious arrogance.

We are to lead by example,  
not by force;  
to be fearless, and yet kind;  
to love our enemies and humbly serve them.

We are to live every day in the deep-down confidence that  
we serve the Sovereign God, and  
He is the loving Father of  
every  
human  
being.

How can we face this daily challenge?  
By walking in the Spirit of Christ.

And as you go, find wisdom and encouragement in the life of Daniel.

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