4.	Reflect on the case of the resilient faith of Daniel and his three friends in light of Josiah's reform. (If you have time, you can read about Josiah's reform in 2 Kings	SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE			
	22-23.)	Finding Our Way Back to God (The Book of Esther) - Part 8 "3 Keys for Developing a More Resilient Faith" Esther 9:20-28			
5.	How did you get trained in the foundational teachings of our faith (or why do you think you missed out on it)?	"Today's society is especially and insidiously faith repellentresilient faith is tougher to grow today using the cultivation methods we relied on throughout the twentieth century." (David Kinnaman and Mark Matlock, <u>Faith for Exiles: 5 Ways for a New Generation to Follow Jesus in Digital Babylon</u>)			
		3 Keys for Developing a Resilient Faith			
		1. Spiritual The case of Daniel and his three friends:			
5.	Of the five practices leading to a resilient faith, which one do you need most right now in your life? (If you're a parent of children living at home, answer this regarding your kids.)	"How is that so many Christians in our are folding and walking away from their faith in droves and these four young men have a resilient faith that weathers Babylon (Berkeley times 100)?"			
7.	Advent is soon upon us. Reflecting on the three lessons on feasting from the sermon, how can you improve the formational aspects of Advent this year?	2 Kings 23: ²⁴ This he did to fulfill the requirements of the law written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had discovered in the temple of the Lord. ²⁵ Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.			
	sermen, new carryes improve me formational aspects of haven mis year.	Daniel and his three friends are of Josiah's revival.			
		What's the first key: a personal spiritual awakening that comes from connecting relationally with the living God through			
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2.	Foundational				
	A personal relationship with Jesus has to be in a biblic understanding of who he is so that he's not simply a projection of who we thin want him to be.				
	If we don't know the story of God in the Bible and the core beliefs of our faith or primary practices and disciplines of our faith, and we're not trained in them (in many of the same ways we are trained in math, sciences, music, or sports), how can we keep from being almost completely assimilated into our				
 The Five Practices Leading to a Resilient Faith" (Faith for Exiles) To form a resilient identity, experience intimacy with Jesus. In a complex and anxious age, develop the muscles of cultural disce When isolation and mistrust are the norms, forge meaningful, intergrelationships. To ground and motivate an ambitious generation, train for vocation discipleship. Curb entitlement and self-centered tendencies by engaging in count mission. 					
3.	Rhythms of				
	The people of God in the Old Testament and the New Testament are given personal and community practices that our faith and need to become part of the rhythm of our lives.				
	 3 lessons from the Institution and Practice of Purim (and Other Festivals) Feasting for God should be 				
	Feasting for God should be a call to				
	Feasting for God should be about spiritual				
	"The book doesn't end with victory in battle. It ends with the inauguration of Purim—a new tradition meant to preserve the story for the generations to come. [It's a reminder that] identifying as one o God's people isn't just about a decision; it's about a way of life. Purim invites us to see it that way. It's a rhythm built into the calendar to remind us that our identity is easily forgotten, that the enemy is prowling and hungry, and that no matter what, God preserves his people." (Mike Cosper)				

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

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1.	Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2.	Describe how you felt when someone you knew fell away from faith in Christ.
3.	Read Esther 9:20-28. How does the institution of a yearly festival (a new ritual) show us that more is needed for resilient faith than a spiritual moment of decision?