

Surviving Babylon: Lessons from Exile

Daniel 1:1-8

A People in Exile – Then and Now

Daniel 1:1-7; 1 Peter 1:1-2

4 critical realizations:

- 1. I know _____ I am.
- 2. I know _____ I am.
- 3. I know _____ I am.
- 4. I know _____ I am.

1 critical resolution: Daniel 1:8

I will not _____.

Lesson 1: I can resist a corrupting culture by _____.

My first responsibility is to _____ compromise in my own life.

Some symptoms of compromise:

And if/when I discover it?

Our Better Country

Hebrews 11:32-40

Sock Donations Needed for Kenya Mission Trip

The Kenya mission team is collecting clean used or new knee socks. Socks can be dropped off in the Fellowship Center foyer on Sundays or in the church office during the week. Deadline is Sunday, July 16. The socks will be used to make rugs with the women who are part of the Hope to Kenya Ministry through Echoes of Mercy Mission.

Calvary kids is assembling our 2023-24 volunteer staff for ministry beginning in August. There are multiple openings for positions on Sundays and Wednesdays. Let us introduce you to these extraordinary opportunities. Email: zach@calvarydothan.com or Call/Text: 334.733.6326

SABA Thee Store Needs Donations

The Southeast Alabama Baptist Association Thee Store is in need of summer clothing. Funds generated from Thee Store sales help to purchase food and provide assistance to the needy in the Houston County area. Donations are accepted Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3pm and Saturday, 9am-1pm and can be dropped off at 1306 Ross Clark Circle.

Join us for our Christmas Reveal party!

We invite anyone interested in joining the worship ministry to attend this time of fellowship. We will listen to our upcoming Christmas music and enjoy a time of fellowship. Whether you are a part of, or interested in joining the choir, band, praise team or tech team, join us on Wednesday, August 9, 7-8:30pm in the Parlor. We ask that you bring your favorite dessert and make it “Christmassy”!

Join the Worship Team!

If you are a singer and/or a musician and are interested in using your gifts to serve the church, this invitation is for you! We promise to train and equip you. All we ask is that you are humble and teachable. If you have questions, contact Rebekah McLure at rebekah@calvarydothan.com.

Interested in Playing Handbells?

Our Worship Ministry is planning to start handbells back this fall! If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please email rebekah@calvarydothan.com. We will be working on music for the Christmas season.

Family Night at Water World

Sunday, July 23 | 5:30-7:30 pm | \$5 per person

Don’t miss our annual Calvary Family Night at Water World! Concession stand in the park will be open.

Meaningful Membership

Sunday, July 30 | 1-5pm | Office Conference Room

If you are interested in knowing more about Calvary or would like to join and are not able to attend four Sunday morning classes, join us for this intense 4-hour class. All the material will be covered in this one class. Childcare will be available with a reservation.

Summer at Calvary - Midweek

6pm Midweek Bible Study, Sanctuary
Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room
Grades 6-12, Student Room

Summer at Calvary - Sundays

8am Call to Prayer, Parlor
8:30am Life Group & Open Classes
10am Worship, Fellowship Center
No Kids Worship in July

Praying at All Times

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

We are in the midst of a spiritual battle. Warfare might not appear to confront us at every turn, but the fact of the matter is that we continually wrestle against the spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12). On such a battleground, prayer is absolutely essential—hence the apostle Paul’s exhortations to “pray without ceasing.”

What does this mean? Paul is not commanding us to drop everything and have a formal prayer meeting every hour, on the hour. Certainly, it is a grand privilege to pray aloud together with other saints. But oftentimes our prayers ring out only in our hearts. The hymn writer captures it well when he provides us with these words:

Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

This is prayer. Whether “uttered or unexpressed,” it is fundamentally an engagement with God. And it is to be an unceasing part of our lives, along with thanksgiving, whatever our circumstances.

Lest we fool ourselves into thinking that prayer is simply a nice treat once we get around to it, the calls to continual prayer alert us to just how essential an activity it is. Prayer is not optional; it is vital. Prayer is not an item to check off our to-do list, as though five minutes in the morning will cover us for the rest of the day. It is impossible for anyone to enjoy an intimate relationship with God without walking through their day, and the circumstances it brings, in an attitude of prayer.

To pray, then, is to give voice—even if inaudible—to one of the most essential truths of the Christian faith: *apart from Christ you can do nothing* (John 15:5). The moment you think you can make it through the spiritual skirmishes of life on your own, you are in danger of defeat. But when you abide in Christ through prayer, He promises to cause you to bear much fruit and to fill you with joy as you march on in battle for His kingdom. Today, then, seek to pray and give thanks in all the situations you face; seek to speak to your Father in each moment He leads you through; and rejoice that in Christ, at every moment you have the ear of the Creator of the universe in this way.

From Truth for Life daily Devotionals by Alistair Begg

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

- I trusted Jesus as Savior.
- I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.
- I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.
- Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pastors & Prayer Team Only
- Churchwide

Connect Card

July 9, 2023

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- Member

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Spouse _____

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____

Children:

Name / Date of Birth _____

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

July 9, 2023

July Missions Spotlight

Moses O. Odhiambo, Echoes of Mercy Mission (Global Missions Partner)

Echoes of Mercy exists to evangelize and disciple others through church planting and leadership, as well as through a number of mercy ministries including widow care, education, and healthcare. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Echoes of Mercy, visit facebook.com/eomkenya or echoesofmercy.org.

The Harbor (Local Missions Partner)

The Harbor's mission is to transform the heart of Dothan through the transforming love and power of Jesus. The Scriptures are their guide as they seek to serve all those in need, physically and spiritually. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Harbor, you can visit theharbordothan.org or visit facebook.com/theharbordothan. Prayer needs for The Harbor can be found on prayer cards at the mission's kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

July 2

No Life Group
10:00 Worship: 397
Hispanic Church: 120
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 2: \$61,892.33
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$97,802.95)

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 28, July 9-15

- 1 Kings 12; 2 Chron 10-11; Titus 1
- 1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chron 12; Titus 2
- 1 Kings 15; 2 Chron 13-14; Titus 3
- 2 Chron 15-17; 1 Kings 16; Philemon
- 1 Kings 17-18; Psalm 119; Jude

Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Children, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

I'm New Here



We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in one of the offering boxes when you exit the Fellowship Center.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
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Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Patrick Lima.....Worship
Tommy Perry.....Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, July 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, July 15:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 12 | 6pm

Worship and Holiness

Exodus 37

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, July 16 | 10am

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Lesson 2: Refuse to Bow to False Gods

Daniel 3:16-18

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Parlor

8:30am Life Group/Open Classes

10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,

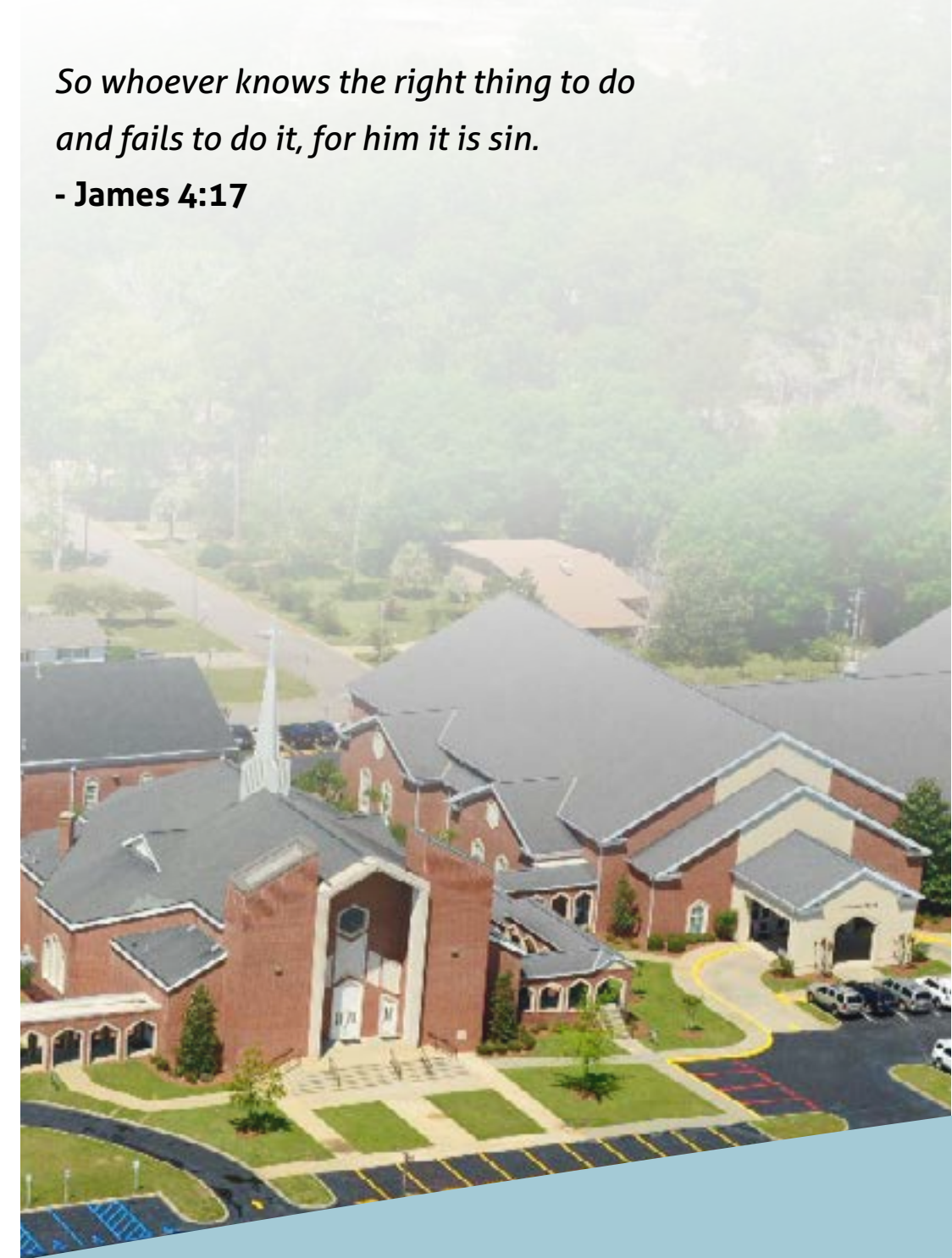
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM

94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

- James 4:17



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH