

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 22-23.)

5. How did you get trained in the foundational teachings of our faith (or why do you think you missed out on it)?

6. 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.)

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?

**Finding Our Way Back to God (The Book of Esther) - Part 8**

"3 Keys for Developing a More Resilient Faith"

Esther 9:20-28

"Today's society is especially and insidiously faith repellent...resilient faith is tougher to grow today using the cultivation methods we relied on throughout the twentieth century." (David Kinnaman and Mark Matlock, [Faith for Exiles: 5 Ways for a New Generation to Follow Jesus in Digital Babylon](#))

**3 Keys for Developing a Resilient Faith**

**1. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.**

The case of Daniel and his three friends:

"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)?"

2 Kings 23: <sup>24</sup>..This he did to fulfill the requirements of the law written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest had discovered in the temple of the Lord. <sup>25</sup> 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

