



"But how can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?" (Psalm 137:4)

1. A _____ that God is control of my life

Daniel: "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. **He controls the course of world events**" (2:20,21)

Nebuchadnezzar: "He has the power to do as he pleases among the angels of heaven and with those who live on earth. No one can stop him or challenge him" (4:35)

"As for you, go your way until the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days, you will rise again to receive the inheritance set aside for you." (12:13)

"Daniel, **be faithful** until the end...**you will rise** from death to **receive your reward.**"

Does the way _____ reveal that I doubt God's control?

2. A _____ that displays God's work in my life

"There is a man in your kingdom who has **within him the spirit of the holy gods.**" (5:11)

"they couldn't find anything to criticize. (Daniel) was **faithful, honest** and always **responsible**" (6:4)

"...we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that **we will never serve** your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up." (3:18)

What are the _____ I will not cross?

3. A _____ with God at the core of my life

"(Daniel) prayed **three times a day** just as **he had always done**" (6:10)

"I, Daniel, **learned from** the word of the Lord..." (9:2)

What are the spiritual _____ I will not neglect?

4. A conversation with others about _____ in my life

Daniel: "**there is a God in heaven**...The God of heaven has given you sovereignty, power, strength, and honor." (2:28,37)

"O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, **the God whom we serve** is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't..." (3:16-18)

Nebuchadnezzar: "**I want you all to know** about the miraculous signs and wonders the Most High God has performed for me. How great are his signs, how powerful his wonders! His kingdom will last forever, his rule through all generations." (4:2-3)

"**My God sent** his angel to shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me" (6:22)

Darius: "the God of Daniel...is the living God...His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will ever end. He rescues and saves his people" (6:26,27)

Do I naturally, gratefully _____ what God is doing in my life?

5. A _____ to God that defines my life

"May your God, **whom you worship continually**, rescue you." (6:16)

Does Jesus have _____?

"O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and keep your commands.

But we have sinned and done wrong. We have rebelled against you and scorned your commands and regulations...

But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him...

We do not ask because we deserve help, but because you are so merciful.

"**O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive.**" (9:4,5,7,9,18,19)