

Facing the Future with Faith by Moving Forward #1
Faith comes in Fours ~ Being Good in a World Gone Bad

Daniel 1: 1-21

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. ~ Romans 12:2

The Back Story: Approximately 2,617 years ago, four teenagers from Judah found themselves forced into service by one of the cruelest dictators in history and deported from Jerusalem to Babylon. They weren't alone; there were other young Jews in the ranks, but these four fellows resolved to maintain their faith in the living God of Judah regardless of the consequences. Their example of faithful living in a debauched world can serve us today! Get ready for a four way download from God!!

I. Four Kings:

- A. King Jehoiakim B. King Nebchadnezzar
C. King Cyrus D. The **KING OF KINGS**

II. Four Jewish Teenagers:

- A. Daniel B. Hananiah
C. Mishael D. Azariah

III. Four Educations:

- A. Jewish B. Babylonian (secular)
C. Providential D. **SPIRITUAL**

IV. Four Blessings:

- A. **COURAGE** B. **FAITH**
C. **GIFTED** D. **FAVOR**