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Knowing that our youth are done (or nearly done) with school in its virtual format, I thought they could use some short, yet thought-provoking, videos to help inspire their faith as summer begins. In the brief study, *King David: Trials, Temptations and Triumphs,* pastor and author David Nasser offers a unique look at one of the most familiar characters of the Bible. Here is the synopsis of Nasser's study, each episode of which is just twenty minutes or less:

Hollywood couldn't write a more conflicted and compelling story about a boy who would become king. But this humble shepherd boy who became the greatest king of Israel also struggled with sin, authority, purity, and integrity.

In these four inspiring youth Bible study sessions, David Nasser looks at the trials, temptations, and triumphs that King David faced and shows how the truths found in David's life are relevant to the real-life issues students encounter every day. Filmed on location in Israel!

In keeping with a theme of lessons from historical Biblical figures, I encourage adults or families to check out a five-session study (again only 15-20 minutes each) featuring lessons from Daniel, entitled *Thriving in Babylon*. Author and pastor Larry Osborne helps us look at being faithful Christians in an ever-changing world that seems intent on pulling us away from our beliefs. [There are additional resources offered to go along with this study, but are not necessary to enjoy it.] Here's the synopsis:

These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected; it seems as if they're attacked on every front. It's all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation?

In this series, we're introduced to a man forced to live in a fast-changing and godless society. This man faced fears about the future, concern for his safety, and the discouragement of a world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed. That man was Daniel, and with the power of hope, humility, and wisdom, he not only survived, but thrived.

Each session also includes real-life stories of people struggling to thrive in an ever-increasing godless society. Though Daniel lived thousands of years ago, he has much to teach us today.

Do YOU have a favorite **rightnow** MEDIA video or study that you think others should know about? If so, drop me an email so I can help get the word out in upcoming newsletters. If there's one you'd like to see our church offer as a group study, please let me know as well. We can order the additional resources and even schedule a new study day/time if there is interest!

As always, please feel free to share this link with your family and friends! It doesn't cost us anything extra to have more people access this great resource through our account!

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