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- **The Story Told by our Pockets and Purses**
- **The Story of a Stranger in a Foreign Land**

Daniel: Lessons for the contemporary 'church' from an Old Testament Prophet;

1. Daniel understood God's SOVEREIGNTY

(Dan 2:20-23,27-28,37-38; 6:22)

QUESTIONS: What 'negative' things are currently going on in your life? Is there an opportunity to bring glory to God in the midst of this?

2. Daniel adapted to his CULTURE

(Dan 1:4,6,10-13)

QUESTIONS: How can you better adapt to the culture around you in order to build new/stronger relationships? What prevents you from doing this? (Conviction? Fear of change? Apathy? Pride?)

3. Daniel clung to his CONVICTIONS

(Dan 1:8; 6:10)

QUESTIONS: Do you know the 'non-negotiables'? Are you willing to stand firm on them? Are you willing to extend grace on the 'negotiables'?

4. Daniel exercised his GIFTS

(Dan 1:17; 2:14-19,24-28; 5:12)

QUESTIONS: What gifts has God given you? Are you attentive, prepared, and available when He provides you an opportunity to use them?

5. Daniel was of the highest CHARACTER

(Dan 1:8; 2:30; 4:19; 5:17; 6:3-5,10)

QUESTIONS: Do people around you see a high-quality and consistent character? Even those who are closest to you (ie. your family or best friends)?

6. Daniel leveraged his INFLUENCE

(Dan 2:49, 4:27; 5:17; 6:28)

QUESTIONS: How can you leverage the influence that God has given you in order to have an impact in your workplace, your family, or your community?

**What can Daniel's life teach us about
"Incarnational Mission"?**