



Notes | May 12, 2024

## Play Different: How do I live for what really matters?

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In our complex world, there are an abundance of things that compete for our attention. How do we know what really matters? How do we know what we should give our time, resources, and attention to? We are faced with hard choices as each of these resources are limited. This week, we dive into Daniel's way of applying an eternal perspective to living on Earth. We answer these question by considering how King Belshazzar mixes up what really matters for the people of Babylon. We learn what it looks like to live for eternity with God!

### Key Scripture | Daniel 5:23

"Instead, you have set yourselves up against the LORD of Heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways."

### Related Scriptures

Daniel 5:1-31, Philippians 3:18-20, John 15:19, John 17:14-16, Psalm 121:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:1-18, Matthew 6:19-21, Psalm 24:4, Psalm 119:81

### Icebreakers:

Q: What is one thing you could do all day without getting tired of it?

Q: What is something you prioritize in your weekly rhythm?

## Key Thoughts and Reflections:

I. When we mix up what really matters, we end up chasing the wrong things.

Q: How do you know if you're chasing what really matters or not?

Q: Daniel chased the right things in a culture that did not. How can you do the same in your cultural context?

Q: What is something that matters to you that tends to get in the way of you pursuing



God?

II. Don't let your feelings inform what really matters.

Q: What things or people in your life impact how you make decisions?

Q: How do your feelings impact what you do, want, and celebrate?

Q: Do you have people in your life that help you live for what really matters?

III. Cultivate an eternal perspective.

Q: How does pursuing eternity provide you peace about living in this world?

Q: When eternity is the focus, Earth can't satisfy. Are there things on Earth you pursue for satisfaction?

Q: Do you eagerly press on towards eternity?

## Get Practical

This messages encourages us to choose to pursue eternity in Heaven. We can live different because our treasure is different, dwelling with the LORD forever! We are called to live for an eternal purpose! This week, consider these questions in a time of reflection.

- How am I relying on things of this world when I should be relying on God?
- Am I pursuing eternity, or pursuing earthly success?