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FAITHFUL LIVING IN A FALLEN LAND

Part 2

Cooperation without Compromise

Daniel 1:3-21

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“Do you know what they call me here in this country? A resident alien.”

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“Jesus knew that . . . he had come from God and was returning to God.” (John 13:3)

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