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FAITHFUL LIVING IN A FALLEN LAND

Part 3

# Divine Wisdom for Struggling Neighbors

Daniel 2:1-30

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**Because God is *good*, his people can serve neighbors in crisis even if they believe differently. (28b-30)**

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