Series: PRAY FIRST Title: Faithful in Prayer Speaker: Bob Marvel Date: March 17-18, 2018

- 1. What was Bob's take away from the beaver and the cottonwood tree on his recent run? How did that set up the point of his message? Romans 12:12 may jolt your memory.
- 2. Read Daniel 1:1-7. From the notes, what does Daniel mean in Hebrew, and what does his Babylonian name, Belteshazzar mean? Why are these two names so important in the story?
- 3. How in the world could a 15 year-old have the audacity to live a holy life in Babylon? Where does that kind of courage/desire/perspective come from?
- 4. How did describing God as the God of heaven (Daniel 2:28) impact Daniel's life and how can it ours?
- 5. Looking around or looking back over your life, can you point out someone who is/was consistent in prayer? Why is it fair to describe Daniel as consistent in prayer? See Daniel 6:10. Can you picture yourself becoming like him?
- 6. Why do you think some people are consistent year after year in leading a life of prayer?
- 7. What's ironic in the king's comment to Daniel in 6:16?
- 8. So often our prayers are too small. Daniel was praying that his nation would come out of exile: a pretty big prayer. What's something "big" you're praying for?
- 9. We all need motivation to pray consistently. As you look at Daniel 9:18 and reflect on Bob's message, what helps us pray for large things?

Wrapping up, spend some time praying for MS/HS/College Daniels and Danielles who live in modern day Babylon, and for our Explorers, Engage, Encounter and Table/college age ministries.