

## Time to Stand

During the time Israel and Judah were held captive in Babylon,  
they were tested by \_\_\_\_\_  
to see if they would stand for God.

From the time Daniel was led into Babylon  
to the day Esther was queen was \_\_\_\_\_ years.

## Familiar Characters *through History*

- **Haman** ~ wanting power and willing to cross the lines
- **Xerxes** ~ has great power, but gives it away carelessly
- **Mordecai** ~ holds to his convictions, no matter the cost
- **Esther** ~ stretched and tested by responsibility  
(Put in the right place at the right time)

## Familiar Chapters *through Everyone's Life*

Evil Desires to Destroy **E**\_\_\_\_\_. 3:1-2, 4-6

Greed and Power are never satisfied with just some.

*Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. John 3:20*

Does Evil **E**\_\_\_\_\_ us? 4:1, 4-5

Shouldn't the morals of today grieve us?

*... Return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Render your heart and not your garments. Joel 2:12 & 13*

**Faith** *God is completely HOLY.*

**Purpose** *Live like things \_\_\_\_\_ God.*

Do we realize the **E**\_\_\_\_\_ Evil travels? 4:7-8 & 10-11

The Pervasiveness and Persistence of evil doesn't stop.

*What the locust swarm has left the great locust have eaten; what the great locust have left, the young locust have eaten; What the young locusts have left, other locust have eaten. Joel 1:4*

Being passive doesn't let you **E**\_\_\_\_\_. 4:12-14

Unwilling hearts don't receive God's greatest help.

*There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the LORD. Proverbs 21:30*

**Faith** *Only God can stop Evil.*

**Purpose** *We must answer His \_\_\_\_\_.*

Prayers are Powerful as we **E**\_\_\_\_\_ Together. 4:15-17

God is in the presence of two or three! Matt. 18:20

*After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31*

God's Spirit turns **E**\_\_\_\_\_ around. 5, 9, 10

Mordecai honored / The Jews could defend themselves

**Faith** *God will work in Surprising ways.*

**Purpose** *Live to bring God \_\_\_\_\_.*

### Optional Readings:

*Notice that the outside changes **after** the inside does!*  
**Esther** 1-10 **Isaiah** 58 **Joel** 1-3