



DANIEL

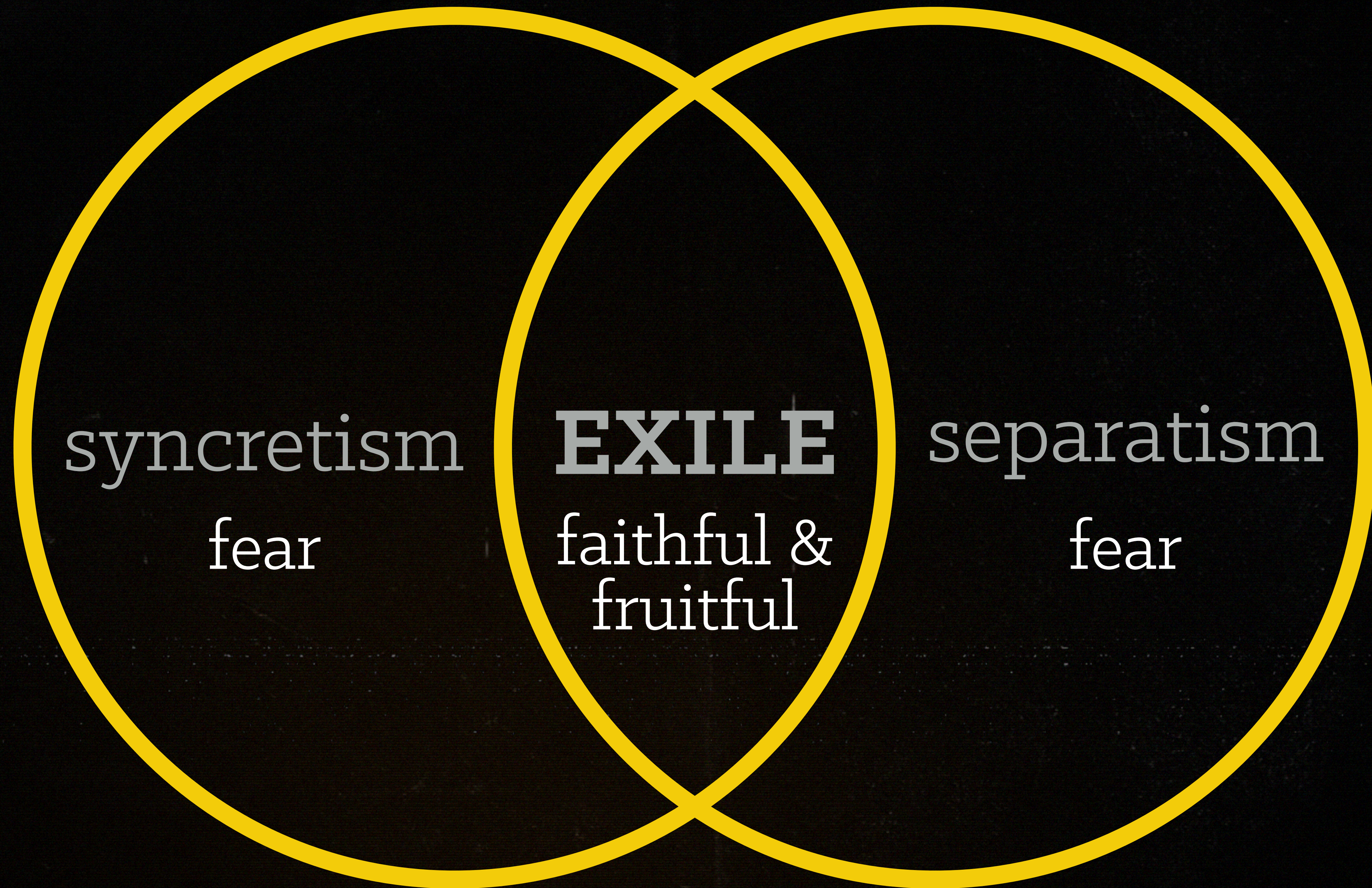
thriving in turbulent times

Daniel 1:8-21

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thriving in the
Pressure

the Pressure



syncretism

fear

EXILE

faithful &
fruitful

separatism

fear



Daniel's faithfulness

v. 8-16

*resolved that he would
not defile himself*

*What might pull your heart
away from God?*

If Daniel would risk position, privilege, and life itself for a pure relationship with his God, then that must be quite a relationship and that must be quite a God. His stand for his God amid earthly deprivations is a witness to the incomparable blessings of the grace of his God. By his willingness to risk everything for his God, Daniel shows how precious is a relationship with God.

- Bryan Chapell, *The Gospel According to Daniel*

Daniel's fruitfulness

v. 17-21

*better in appearance
and fatter in flesh*

10 hands

garbage in, garbage out?

*Are you a student
of the culture?*

receive

reject

redeem

*How can you be this
type of person?*

the Practices



study
God's word

John 17:14-18

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

search
your heart

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

seek

out community

Ecclesiastes 4:12

And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

be a friend of
sinners

Luke 5:30-32

And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

see your
SAVIOR

the Provision

2 Timothy 2:11-13

The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

What do you need to repent of?
What do you need to believe?
What do you need to practice?



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