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Have the teens utilize the Fill-in-the-Blank *Timeline* during the video presentation.

TALKING IT OUT

Discussion Questions

1. Like Daniel, have you ever prayed for God to save your life? Explain.
2. In all honesty, would you, like Esther, risk your life to save others? Explain.
3. Like Simon Maccabeus, have you ever felt the pressure to fit into the culture around you? Have ever felt forced to do something you did not want to do or to deny who you really are? Explain.

THINKING IT THROUGH

Do you ever feel "forgotten by God"? Do you ever feel like you are a slave to your desires, temptations, and addictions? Have you ever felt like a slave to others' opinions? If you have ever felt any of these things, take some time and write a letter to God, asking him for help.

What do you need help with? Are you willing to go to God and ask him to free you (if not, why not)? Do you doubt that he will free you? Do you doubt that he hears you or that he cares about you?

Prayer is your access to a God who wants you to live in freedom. Ask him to be freed, to be saved ... in your own words.

OPTIONAL QUIZ FOR THE EXILE, THE RETURN, AND THE REVOLT

Match the definition on the right with the correct term on the left:

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| 1. Assyria | a) The eighth time period in the Bible |
| 2. Babylon | b) The kingdom that sacks Judah and Jerusalem |
| 3. Mordecai | c) Portrait of "heroism" |
| 4. Daniel | d) The ninth time period in the Bible |
| 5. Haman | e) The uncle of Esther who refused to bow to Haman |
| 6. Cyrus | f) Portrait of "trust" |
| 7. Lamentations | g) This word means "hammer" |
| 8. Hanukkah | h) The king that releases the Jews to return to Judah |
| 9. Return | i) The book that portrays "the blues" |
| 10. Esther | j) The general who tried to kill every Jew in the Persian Empire |
| 11. Antiochus Epiphanes | k) The eight-day festival of lights that celebrates the victory of the Maccabees |
| 12. Maccabean Revolt | l) The tenth time period in the Bible |
| 13. Exile | m) The leader who desecrated the Temple in order to "Hellenize" the Jews |
| 14. Maccabees | n) The kingdom that sacks Israel and Samaria |

Answer Key: _____