

Session 8: Integrity Established Suggested Week of Use: January 23, 2022 Core Passage: Daniel 1:8-21

## **News Story Summary**

In mid-January, Juneau, Alaska, was hit with a big snow, followed by warming weather that brought rain. That rain falling on top of deep snow and then turning to ice challenged the structural integrity of many structures, including roofs of businesses, homes, boats, and aircraft. Some buildings collapsed under the weight. Schools and businesses closed temporarily for engineers to confirm the structural integrity of the buildings.

For more about this story, search "Juneau January snow and structural integrity".

## **Focus Attention**

To replace the ideas under Focus Attention, write the following on a large sheet of paper or board: *Integrity is...* As adults arrive, hand them a marker or chalk and direct them to record on the paper or board either a definition of integrity or an example of integrity. Review their answers. Summarize the story of the issues with structural integrity facing Juneau and surrounding areas because of the precipitation. Ask: *How does the integrity of a building compare to the integrity of a person?* Call attention to the summary statement for this session and then state: *Through studying the book of Daniel, we will learn from a man with integrity who could withstand any challenge.* 

## **Summarize and Challenge**

To supplement the Pray idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by recalling the story of buildings in Juneau being tested. Explain that a building's structure can be challenged by rain or snow, earthquakes, tornadoes, or floods. Ask: *How might believers today have their integrity tested?* Direct adults to identify one area in which their integrity may be tested, explaining that they will not be asked to share with the group. Lead the group to silently pray about the area identified. Close in prayer as suggested.