

BOLD + BRAVE

As we journey into the book of Daniel, one of the major themes is the sovereignty of God. We're meant to see that God is in control of all things, despite how difficult and tumultuous the situation may be. Daniel and his friends experienced several terrifying situations and it can often leave us admiring and wondering how they were able to live and respond the way that they did. These young men were Bold + Brave - not because they have a unique temperament or personality that was different than you or me. They were able to stand firm and be courageous because they understood that God was in control and He is wise and trustworthy.

May God cause us all to be Bold + Brave.

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Message 1: *Surviving a Corrupt Culture*

Daniel 1

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pursue God

Focus on the following practice in your pursuit of God:

Memorize God's Word. Choose a passage for the whole series or choose a new verse each week. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram to find tips and tricks for Scripture memory during this series.

Write the verse or verses you are memorizing here:

Pursue Others

The Babylonians took captives from the best of the Israelites (Daniel 1:3-4). How did they plan to assimilate them into Babylonian culture?

In the midst of a foreign culture, it took great wisdom for Daniel and his friends to know what was, and what was not, a compromise in their faithfulness to God. What can be learned from their actions that could help us to be wise and faithful in our culture today?

How can we know what is or is not a compromise in our faithfulness to God?

Do people (neighbors, co-workers, family, non-Christians) gravitate toward you? Are you winsome? Explain why or why not.

Is there a correlation between a person's faith in God's sovereignty and their desire to be faithful? Explain.

"Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself..." What are some things in your life that you need to have a similar resolve? Take time and pray specifically about these and then share with someone about your resolution.

What principle from the message is your strongest? Weakest? Explain. What needs to happen to better practice these biblical principles?

Practice His Ways

Pay attention to how you speak with those around you. Could you be more winsome if you gave up complaining, sarcasm, or self-loathing (or something else) in your conversations with others?

What are you giving up in your conversations this week? Pray for the Holy Spirit to begin working this transformation in you.

Reflect on that experience and share your insight with someone. Ask that person to pray for you in this area – and pray for them!