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MY LIFE

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SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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Man is the only creature God took his time and breathed into. We are created in His likeness and image (See Genesis 1:26-27) to glorify Him. God is into us. He knows our separate voices and wants fellowship with us. A life of worship is sacrificial and our spiritual service.

Matthew 5:16 NIV - In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Your life glorifies God and points others to Him.

Romans 12:1-2 - Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

- Worship is the one thing God desires out of every area of your life.

THE SACRIFICIAL LIFESTYLE OF WORSHIP

- Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem and besieged it.
- The king ordered into his service some young men that were set apart:
 - They must have no physical defect.
 - They must be handsome.
 - They must show aptitude for every kind of learning.
 - They must be well informed.
 - They must be quick to understand.
 - They must be qualified to serve in the king's palace.
 - Their names must be changed to Babylonian names.
 - They must also learn the Babylonian language and literature.
- The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table.
- Daniel and the 3 Hebrew boys resolved not to defile themselves with the royal food and wine. (See Daniel 1:5-8)
- You are in the world but not of the world. You are called to be counter-cultural.
- Being different will cause you to behave differently, which will require you to take a stand.
- You need internal restraint to live a lifestyle of worship. Your greatest victories is not what you do in public, but what you defeat in private.

THE RESULTS OF THE SACRIFICIAL LIFESTYLE

- They looked healthier and better than the others.
- God gave them knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning.

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*Daniel 1:19-20 NIV [19] The king talked with them, and he **found none equal** to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. [20] In **every** matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he **found them ten times better** than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.*

- Notice their Hebrew names were used rather than their slave names.
 - There is nothing equal to the real version of you. Learn to be your real, authentic self.
- You are ten times better because of your lifestyle of worship and authenticity.
- God has created you to be better and equipped you for greatness.
- God placed endurance inside of you so that you can overcome.

What skills or gifts has God revealed to you that you were unaware of? How are you using them to glorify God?

THE LIFESTYLE CHALLENGED ON DISPLAY

- King Nebuchadnezzar built a golden statue.
- The statue was ninety feet high and nine feet thick.
- The king ordered all of the important leaders to the dedication of the statue.
- They all took their places before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had erected.

Daniel 3:4-6 MSG - A herald then proclaimed in a loud voice: "Attention, everyone! Every race, color, and creed, listen! When you hear the band strike up – all the trumpets and trombones, the tubas and baritones, the drums and cymbals – fall to your knees and worship the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Anyone who does not kneel and worship shall be thrown immediately into a roaring furnace."

- It is up to you to choose your God and remain consistent in your choice.
- You were created to stand out and not blend in with the world. You are the trendsetter.
- Music has an impact on behavior and culture. Be careful of what you allow to come into your ears.

Recall a time in your life when you stood in opposition to the majority. Why did you stand out? How did others receive you as a result of standing up and out?

THEY REFUSE TO BOW

Daniel 3:12 NIV - But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon---Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego---who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up."

- Honor is due to your leaders, but you only owe your worship to God.
- You have to allow others to see that you do not waver in your beliefs or convictions. You have to know when to stand and when to bow down.

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What have you rejected to remain close to God? How can you honor someone while not compromising your lifestyle of worship?

THEY REFUSE TO FIGHT

- King Nebuchadnezzar was **furiously**.
- His **attitude** toward them **changed**.
- He **ordered** the **furnace to be heated seven times hotter** than before.
- He put them in **robes, trousers, turbans** and **other clothes**.
- The king asked, "Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"
 - Any time you take a stand for God, people will start acting differently around you. There is no need to argue or to try to convince people about who you are.
 - Be confident in who you are and stay different!

Daniel 3:16-18 NIV - [16] Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. [17] If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. [18] But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up. "

- Stop trying to defend and explain your worship.
- Live out your worship in front of your furnace. Make your declaration known, **do not** waiver or compromise.

What has hindered your outward worship in front of others?

THEY REFUSE TO BURN

- King Nebuchadnezzar was full of anger.
- The king ordered them to be thrown into the roaring furnace.
- The king was in such a hurry that the furnace and the fire killed the men putting them in the fire.
- The fire raged around Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

*Daniel 3:25, 27 NIV - [25] He said, "Look! I see **four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed**, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." [27] and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. **They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies**, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.*

- Your worship has prepared you for the uncomfortable situation (the fire).
- The fire created for you will backfire on your foes because God gets in the fire with you.

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- In the midst of your fire, you are being unharmed and released.

When was a time you were in a furnace and God brought you out unharmed?

Daniel 3:28-30 NIV - [28] Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. [29] Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way." [30] Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

- Your private praise is about to give you a public promotion.
- Your sacrifice is unto God only and your worship is a witness.
- Your willingness to not compromise will draw others to God.
- The enemy cannot define your God, but they will know that He is real.

Have you allowed your furnace experiences and sacrificial lifestyle to be a public witness of God's goodness?

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for creating me in Your likeness and image. You made me for Your glory, so show me how to worship You with my entire being. Give me the confidence to stand firm in my sacrificial lifestyle of worship. Give me the strength to refuse to bow, fight, and burn when the world puts pressure on me. Thank You for delivering me from every furnace the enemy puts me in! In Jesus' name, Amen!