



Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series:
“Your Moment”, Week 3 – August 17, 2025
Daniel’s Stand- Daniel 1:8; 6:25-26

Opening Prayer:

Begin by asking God to open your heart and mind to His Word and to help you identify your moments of faith.

Main Theme: Daniel’s moment of faith as a teenager - choosing to stand firm in his convictions rather than compromise - established a pattern of faithfulness that eventually led an entire empire to worship God.

Discussion Questions:

Understanding the Story- What was the real purpose behind Nebuchadnezzar’s three-year training program for the young Jewish captives? How was changing their names part of this strategy? Why was Daniel’s refusal to eat the king’s food such a significant moment? What made this decision more than just a dietary preference?

Personal Reflection- Daniel was a teenager when he made this stand. Think back to your teenage years - what pressures did you face to compromise your values or beliefs? How did you respond? The sermon mentioned that “Daniel wouldn’t compromise his relationship with God in order to establish one with a sinful culture.” Where do you see this tension playing out in your own life today? Daniel understood the “slippery slope” - that small compromises can lead to bigger ones. Can you think of an area in your life where you’ve experienced this? What did you learn?

Cultural Application- What are some modern equivalents to “eating the king’s food” - seemingly small compromises that our culture pressures us to make? The previous generation’s compromise led to Daniel’s generation being in captivity. How do our compromises today affect future generations? What legacy are we creating?

Faith in Action- Daniel “resolved not to defile himself.” The word “resolved” suggests a firm decision made beforehand. What decisions can we make ahead of time to help us stand firm when pressure comes? Daniel was willing to risk his position and safety for his convictions. What are you willing to risk to maintain your integrity and faith? How can we demonstrate dependence on God’s provision when taking a stand might cost us something?

The Bigger Picture- Daniel’s faithfulness in the small moment led to nationwide impact later. How does this encourage you about the significance of your own “small” moments of obedience? King Darius eventually decreed that all people should “fear and reverence the God of Daniel.” What does it look like for our lives to point others toward God in this way?

Personal Application: Identify one area where you feel cultural pressure to compromise your faith or values. Write down: What the pressure is; What God’s Word says about it; One specific action you can take to “resolve not to defile yourself” in this area.

Accountability Questions:

- What “king’s food” are you being offered that you need to refuse?
 - What boundaries do you need to establish to protect your relationship with God?
 - How can this group pray for you as you take your stand?
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Closing Reflection:

Consider this quote from the sermon: “Daniel’s commitment to God’s standards showed he refused to compromise his beliefs, even when pressured to conform.” Spend a few minutes in silent prayer asking God: To reveal any areas where you’ve been compromising; For courage to take your stand in your current circumstances; To use your faithfulness to impact others for His kingdom. If someone were to write about your life, what would they identify as your defining “moment of faith”? If you haven’t had one yet, what situation might God be preparing you for right now?

Remember: Your moment of faith today can become a legacy for generations to come. Like Daniel, small acts of obedience can lead to kingdom-wide impact.

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CF PRAYER POINTS

01

Spiritual Maturity & Unshakable Unity

Pray that God would ignite a deep hunger in every heart-for His word, for prayer, and for a life marked by holiness. Ask God to raise up spiritually mature believers who reflect Christ in every area of life and are willing to invest their abilities to build God's kingdom. Call on the Lord to unite our church in unity-rooted in love, fueled by grace, and focused on our shared mission of making disciples. May we move forward as one body with one heartbeat.

02

Global Impact through Kingdom Partnerships

Lift up our expanding Network of churches and ministry partners. Ask God to open doors, to forge Spirit-led connections, and give divine strategy to unite every partnership. Pray that through our unity and obedience, the Gospel would reach far beyond our city-impacting nations and transforming lives across the globe.

03

Irrational Generosity for the Next Generation

Pray for miraculous financial provision as we move forward to build our new Children's Ministry facility. Ask God to move hearts toward irrational generosity-giving not from pressure, but from vision, faith and spiritual maturity. Believe with us for a debt-free project that boldly invests in the spiritual future of our children.

04

Wisdom, Courage & Clarity for Leadership

Intercede for our pastors and leadership team. Pray that God would grant them wisdom, unwavering courage, and the ability to clearly discern His voice. Ask that every step they take would be led by the Spirit-not merely good ideas, but God-ordained decisions that align with His disciple making purpose and timing.

Coming up:

- Baptism Sunday 8/31
- Financial Peace University (FPU) 9/9 @6pm
- Attic Retreat 8/22-8/24
- Alaska Build Mission Trip 8/23 - 8/30

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- Next Steps Class



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WORSHIP SERVICES:

CROSSVILLE CAMPUS- SUN 8, 9:30 & 11AM & MON 6PM
SPRING CITY CAMPUS- SUN 9 & 11AM
PIKEVILLE CAMPUS- SUN 11AM
JAMESTOWN CAMPUS- SUN 10:30AM