

# OUTLIERS



A study of Daniel

Part 4

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A preference is a strong belief, but a belief that you will change under the right circumstances



A conviction is a  
belief that you  
will not change



# Daniel 2:47

The king answered unto Daniel, and said,  
Of a truth it is, that your God is a God  
of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a  
revealer of secrets, seeing  
thou couldst reveal this  
secret.



# Daniel 3:1

Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon

# Daniel 3:4-5

Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded,  
O people, nations, and languages, That at what time  
ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp,  
sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of  
musick, ye fall down and worship the  
golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the  
king hath set up:

Your convictions are  
the building blocks  
to the edifice of  
your moral character





# Daniel 3:12

There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.



# Principle 1:

Convictions Are  
Decisions and Not  
Emotions



# Acts 4:12

Neither is there  
salvation in any other: for there is  
none other name under heaven given  
among men, whereby we must  
be saved.

The world does not mind  
the exaltation of Jesus,  
they just don't like the  
exclusivity of Jesus





# Daniel 3:8, 12

Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. . . . There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up

# Principle 2:

Convictions Set You  
Apart From the Crowd





# Daniel 3:8

Wherefore at that time  
certain Chaldeans came  
near, and accused the Jews.

# Principle 3:

Convictions Are Rooted  
in God's Person, Not  
Just His Provision



# Daniel 3:16-18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.





# Daniel 3:19-23

Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.



# Daniel 3:19-23

Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

# Principle 4:

Convictions Protect You In  
Adversity, Not Necessarily  
From Adversity



# Daniel 3:24-25

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?

They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.



# Daniel 3:26-27

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

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