

Daniel: Conviction in a World of Compromise Part 4: Regardless

Objective: To encourage us to stay true to who we are in Christ, regardless of what challenges that may bring to our lives.

Read Daniel chapter 6 together:

Pay special attention to Daniel 6:10

...when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Daniel 6:10

- How would you define "integrity". Can you give some real life examples of people who have displayed true integrity?
- Think about the times in your life when you chose to go along simply to get along. Did it work out? Were you able to get along? How did it impact your own personal sense of integrity and conviction?
- The main idea from the message was: "Conviction in a culture of compromise means we stay true to who we are regardless." When you think of "who you are", where does your sense of identity come from? (Consider passages of scripture such as Genesis 1:26, Ephesians 2:10, John 1:12-13)
- What does it mean to stay true to who you are regardless? Have you ever had to pay a price for staying true? If you're comfortable, tell the group about it.
- In the sermon, the pastor said, "When things got hard, Daniel *leaned into his convictions*.. What does that mean? How do you lean into your conviction?
- The pastor also said that, when things got hard, Daniel *leaned on God*. Can you describe a time when you had to lean on God so you could stay true to who you are in Christ?
- Aside from keeping your integrity in tact, what is the greatest benefit of sticking to your convictions in a world that wants us to compromise.

Final Thought: You will constantly be faced with opportunities to trade in your convictions for the sake of getting along with those around you. This week, as you choose to hold on to your convictions and stay true to your identity in Christ, lean on God for the strength you will need and pray that your integrity will point others to Jesus.

