

Sermon Notes

A Culture of Compromise:

1) Is trying to rename you. [Daniel 1:1-7]

Hebrew Name

Daniel – “God is my Judge”

Hananiah – “Yahweh has been gracious”

Mishael – “Who is like God?”

Azariah – “Yahweh has helped me”

Babylonian Name

Belteshazzar – “Lady, Protect the King”

Shadrach – “I am fearful of God”

Meshach – “I am despised,
contemptible, & humiliated”

Abednego – “Servant of Nebo”

2) Is trying to tame you. [Daniel 1:8-9]

**Christians are called to have loving, respectful conversations
while maintaining strong, Biblical convictions.**

3) Is trying to claim you. [Daniel 1:10-20]

Three Questions:

- 1) Where are you on the Dilemma Scale?**
- 2) Will my identity come from God or from culture?**
- 3) Will I change the world, or will the world change me?**

The world changes, but God’s Word doesn’t!

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week’s message? Start with the 3 questions above.**
- 2) The world may change, but God’s Word never changes. How have you been tempted to *change* or *ignore* certain parts of God’s Word because you wanted to conform to the ways of the world? How have you experienced conflict as a result of holding to the truth of the Bible while living in a changing world?**
- 3) How has the world tried to rename you? In other words, how have you felt pressured to act in ways that you know are inconsistent with the person God is calling you to be?**
- 4) How has world tried to tame and claim you? Which of your convictions have been challenged the most? What do you need to be predetermined about when it comes to your most common temptations?**