

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Daniel found himself living in a culture not unlike ours. It was a world of rapid change, moral compromise, and pressure to conform. He found himself face to face with a series of future-defining decisions: compromise his values or stand for his convictions. His character, courage and convictions resulted in a reliable roadmap for the church today.

Communion → Conviction → Character → Courage → Change

Daniel 3:1-30 (NIV)

There's a War for Our Worship that takes place on the battlefields of Communion, Conviction, Character, and Courage. Faithfulness to stand firm will lead to Change.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Has there been a time when you tried to live both a worldly life and live for God? What was the outcome? What types of things in your life are tempting to put in that number one spot in your heart? How do you guard against those things becoming idols?
- 3) Describe a time you were tempted to compromise or give in – pertaining to your faith and convictions. What was your response? What was the outcome? What lessons did you take away from that experience that have made you grow stronger?
- 4) How has God shown His character to you? A time in the past? Recently? Is there a current situation you're facing where you're trusting God's character and believing for Him to show up? Do you ever find it difficult to say, "He is here with me in this situation"?
- 5) Pastor Donnie mentioned several principals we could take away from this passage. Which of the following resonates with you the most during this season of life:
 - God can and does use miracles to save the lives of His people.
 - The public reputation of God is intimately connected with the obedient faith of His people, although not dependent upon it.
 - God can be trusted no matter what – in every situation and at all times.
 - When you stand up for God, God will show up for you.
 - Sometimes God delivers FROM the furnace, sometimes God chooses to deliver IN the furnace, and it's possible that sometimes we may not experience deliverance in the way we desire – But regardless of the outcome, God is worthy of our worship.
- 6) What is your next step based on what we've talked about? What Battlefield (Communion, Conviction, Character, Courage) do you need to focus on the most?