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The Book of Daniel

CONVERSATION STARTER

What have you currently been reading in God's Word this week? What is he teaching you?

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Read: Daniel 3

1. Other than pastor Josh's examples mentioned in the sermon, what are some ways that the culture pressures us to conform to its ideologies today? What ideologies or "golden statues" are prominent in our culture today?
2. Which ideologies seem to be adopted more heavily into the church today? How do we fight against this reality, both individually and as a church?
3. What would Paul say about your enthusiasm for God even when the potential consequences for being faithful are terrifying? In other words, are you currently bowing down to any golden statues out of fear of the consequences? What are they and how can you face them?
4. What would it look like practically to distinguish between having confidence in particular outcomes and having confidence in our sovereign God as it relates to biblical faith? How would your prayer life look different if it aligned with the latter?
5. How does this passage in Daniel 3 point us to Jesus?
6. What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

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DISCIPLINES

Pray: God's Spirit would keep us conformed to the things of God rather than to the golden statues and ideologies of the culture.

Read: *Theophany: A Biblical Theology of God's Appearing* by Vern Poythress

Write: Journal about ways you have conformed to the culture rather than to God's ways. Write down next steps for breaking free from them.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: Romans 12:2

Love: Share the sovereignty of God with someone you love.

Sermon Discussion Guide

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