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# A Call of Devotion to Jesus



# Conformation Vs Transformation





**Rewired to serve  
another king and  
another kingdom**

# 1. Pressure on identity



<sup>7</sup> The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.  
- Daniel 1:7

Their original names and identities were all about God and what He was like... now they were tied up in false idols...









# 1. Pressure on identity



Satan & the world want to do the same to us.

What pressures are you experiencing on your identity as a child of God?

# 1. Pressure on identity

			
Mr Tickle	Mr Greedy	Mr Nosey	Mr Snow
			
Mr Sneeze	Mr Hoppy	Mr Bump	Mr Messy

What would your name be?

What do you think is the name God gives to you?



# 1. Pressure on identity

Who are we really?

We are sons and daughters of the Most High God!



# 1. Pressure on identity

**Daniel held onto his identity!**  
Belteshazzar (8) vs Daniel (65)

# 1. Pressure on identity

The conviction of our identity as children of God helps us overcome the pressures on our identity!

## 2. Pressure on Lifestyle

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way- Daniel 1:8

## 2. Pressure on Lifestyle

Why?

- Food and wine was usually offered to Babylonian gods
- Daniel didn't want to forget his identity

## 2. Pressure on Lifestyle

Daniel persisted in living a holy lifestyle despite the obstacles and pushback.

Daniel 1:8-14

# 2. Pressure on Lifestyle



After 10 days on vegetables and water,  
they looked fitter and stronger!

Daniel 1:15

## 2. Pressure on Lifestyle

Cary was struggling with his sins...

But as Cary began to **realise his identity as a child of God**, and open his heart to God, he started to experience transformation and shared it with others!



## 2. Pressure on Lifestyle

What areas are you feeling pressure to compromise?  
With whom are you feeling pressure to compromise?  
Where and when are you feeling pressure to compromise?




## 2. Pressure on Lifestyle

This is a call to holiness, flowing from our identity as children of God, loved by God, transformed and empowered by God! But we must choose this path...

## 2. Pressure on Lifestyle

This conviction to be holy in small things  
overcomes the pressure to compromise

# 3. Pressure to get ahead



<sup>17</sup> To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.  
<sup>19</sup> The king talked with them, and he found none equal...  
- Daniel 1:17, 19.

# 3. Pressure to get ahead



The conviction to “Trust God” overcomes  
the pressure to get ahead of others.

God blesses that!

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**The conviction that:**

- **Our Identity is in Christ!**
- **Our Holiness is for Christ & by Christ!**
- **Our Trust is in Christ!**

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**Fasting for 21 Day Period as a church**

- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Identity, Holiness & Trust**

# Soul Training- Fast a day like Daniel

Choose a day this week to eat only vegetables, grain and water, and set aside time to pray about your identity, holiness and trust in God.



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# Logistics

- **Visitors please feel free to leave if you prefer**
- **KK kids will be brought to the playground area**
- **One parent needs to sign them out:**
  - **Bring them into the prayer or**
  - **Let them play in the playground area**

# A Call to Prayer

## Personal:

- Confess our sins, express our love, give our thanks
- What are the heavy things on your heart?
- What are the challenges your family is facing?
- What needs to happen in your home/work/school?
- What is God saying to you?

# A Call to Prayer

## Ministry/Life-Group:

- Pray for the part of church you're connected to...  
e.g. Life group, Kingdom Kids, Youth, Evergreen, Worship/ AV, Stephen Ministry, Sunday Service
- Pray that God will rejuvenate and bless the leaders, helpers and each ministry.
- Pray for more leaders to rise up
- Pray for the pastors and elders for wisdom

# A Call to Prayer

## WIC Ryde & City:

- Pray for:
  - Our love for Jesus and one another to grow
  - Provision of a more permanent location
  - Open doors to love more people
  - Strength and vitality
  - Passion and holiness

# A Call to Prayer

## The Ryde Region & Sydney:

- **Pray for:**
  - **Unity among the churches**
  - **The gospel to flourish and more saved**
  - **Healing & restoration of the oppressed**
  - **God's touch on the homes, schools, uni's and offices**

# A Call to Prayer

## NSW & Australia

- **Pray for:**
  - **The Abortion bill debate**
  - **Our civic leaders and Prime Minister**
  - **Revival across the nation by the Holy Spirit**
  - **God's power and blessing on His church to be a source of His life and love**

# A Call to Prayer

## The Nations

- Pray for:
  - The Church and missionaries in China
  - Our missionaries and mission partners
  - Peace among the nations
  - Current world crises as God prompts you



# A Call to Prayer

## Ministry to one another

- Let's pray for one another allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our prayers.