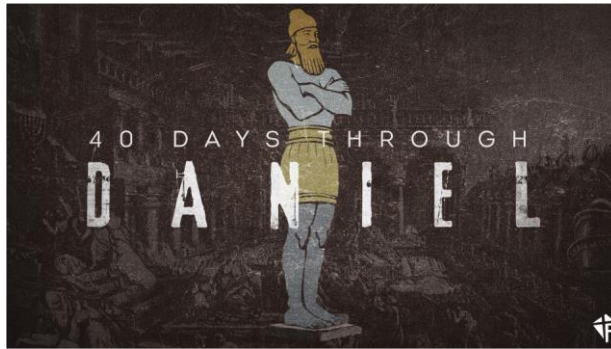


FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ March 7, 2021



Part 2: "Conviction or Compromise?"

Daniel 3

For Next Sunday:

Read and study Daniel 4:19 – 6:17 using the study notes found in the *40 Days Through Daniel* book. Don't have one? You can purchase one in Fellowship Café for a donation of \$10.

For Further Study – In Fellowship Café

Book: *The End Times in Chronological Order*

All our decision, our attitudes, and our behaviors are determined by one of two factors:

1. _____ principles (_____)
2. _____ pressures (_____)

SECTION ONE (3:1-7): The _____ Statue

The making of this image reveals...

1. His _____ against God
2. His _____
3. His desire to solidify his own dynasty and _____

SECTION TWO (3:8-23): The _____ Stand

The Chaldeans (Astrologers) accused them of

1. Not _____ to the king
2. _____ the king's gods
3. _____ the golden statue



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SECTION THREE (3:24-30): The _____ Statement

Nebuchadnezzar:

- 1.) _____ the miracle and attributed it to God
- 2.) _____ to exercise his faith in God
- 3.) _____ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

The Trials that Test our Faith Come From:

1. _____ - 1 Peter 5:8; Luke 22:31; Job 1-2
2. The _____ – 1 John 2:15
3. _____ – 1 Peter 1:5-7; Genesis 22

Growth Group Notes

Getting Started

Group Discussion: There are a lot of “miracle” stories in the Bible. What is one of your favorites and why?

Digging Deeper

1. Daniel chapter 3 is one of the best loved of all Bible stories. Read verse 1-7. What was going on? What do you think precipitated this turn of events especially in light of 2:47 (read this verse).

How did the king discover the unwillingness of the Hebrews to worship his giant idol? How did they respond when confronted?

What happened when the execution was carried out? What was the final outcome of this episode?

2. Read Acts 4:5-20.
How is this situation in Acts 4 similar to the events of Daniel 3? What principles are at stake?

According to Romans 13 we are to obey our civil leaders. How do we explain the behavior of the Hebrews men in Daniel and the apostles in Acts 4? When does God approve of civil disobedience? You may want to consider these other references: Matt. 22:21; Acts 5:29; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14.

3. Reflecting on this text, where do you feel the pressure to compromise your faith?
4. Review the section from Sunday morning, “The Trials that Test Our Faith Come From...” and discuss your own experiences with personal trials from these three sources.
5. An idol is anything that takes the place of God in a person’s life. Devoting the best of our attention, affection, energy, time and resources to something other than God makes that thing or person an idol. Most people are too sophisticated for idols in statue form, but what things have a tendency to become more valuable to you than God?

Wrapping Up

What people do you know who have risked everything by standing for Christ? Pray for them. Consider writing them a note of encouragement soon.