

CONVICTED

DANIEL – CONVICTION IN A CULTURE OF COMPROMISE – PART 1

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- Share one good thing about your day so far!

START THINKING. ASK THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What have been some of the negative trends in our culture that concern you the most?
- What is a “line in the sand” that is common for people to draw in today’s culture? If it is hard to think of one, what does that say?
- Daniel’s Jewish identity was directly attacked by his Babylonian captors. How is a Christian identity attacked in our culture?
- What parts of some people’s Christian identity deserves to be mocked and ridiculed? (judgemental hypocrites, etc.)

Daniel 1:8 (NIV)

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.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Mark started by sharing a story of a retail clerk dropping an F bomb, then saying, “Amen, Brother” to a Christian statement. Do you have a story of a Christian Chameleon you can tell?
- What did you know about the book of Daniel before this sermon series started?
- How did you respond to peer pressure as a 15 year old? How do you respond to peer pressure now?
- What is something you don’t do that many of your peers do? What is something you do do, that many of your peers don’t?
- Mark listed three ways people can respond to culture. Conform like a chameleon. Contend like a complainer. Conduct yourself with conviction. What % are you of each of these?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, at times, I am a coward. I cave into a culture that doesn’t care about you, or care about me. Forgive me, and give me humility and courage to stand, speak, and respond like Daniel. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Before you respond to something this week, ask yourself, “Am I person who does this activity?”