

SPEAK UP

DANIEL – CONVICTION IN A CULTURE OF COMPROMISE – PART 3

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.

- Why do those in authority sometimes have a difficult time receiving instruction and direction?
- Daniel showed tremendous tone, tact, and timing toward a very ungodly unhinged leader. What would seem to be the hardest part of treating similar leader with respect?
- What New Testament examples can you think of where followers of Christ spoke to those in authority over them? What attitudes do we see displayed?
- Where have you seen Christ following individuals get the invitation to speak into the lives of powerful, and perhaps ungodly leaders? How do you think this opportunity was created?

Daniel 5:11-12 (NIV)

There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. King Nebuchadnezzar your father--your father the king, I say--appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanter, astrologer and diviners. This man Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Who has been someone above you that listened to you?
- When was a time as a teen you were speaking up to a coach/parent/teacher, and you were right, but your tone/timing/tact was wrong? (i.e. When have I been wrong in speaking right?)
- Who is someone, that because of their reputation, you would give an invitation to speak into a situation, even if what they say might feel convicting to you?
- How small of details do you notice when "sizing people up" that impact your decision whether to value their input in a moment of decision?
- What invitations has your reputation afforded you, so far? Don't show false humility. You are being asked, not "tooting your own horn." Where, when, and to whom have you had the opportunity to give influence, because your reputation gave you an invitation.

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, show me when my reputation is flagging and needs improved, for Your sake. Amen.

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

- When you think someone might be watching, act as if they are broadcasting to Facebook live.