

Thriving with Daniel, pt 4

Daniel 3

A word from a Chinese pastor

Ungodly people do ungodly things. (1-7)

They make unreasonable demands. (2-7)

Don't miss the dedication! (2-3)

Do it or Die! (5-6)

No exemptions (4)

Big expectations (7)

Don't be surprised by the narcissism of the powerful.

Conformity is always easier than courage.

Courageous godliness draws push-back. (8-15)

It opens the door to opposition (8-12)

It ticks some people off. (13-14)

Convictions will be tested. (15)

When you take a stand, you will usually get one more chance to compromise!

It's a bad idea to dare God about His power.

Confidence in God empowers standing up to evil (16-18)

2 prongs of confidence

God is able to deliver.

God is trustworthy no matter the outcome.

Don't be surprised if opposition intensifies (19-22)

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God can deliver! (23-27)

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Resolve to whom you bow.

2 major issues: autonomy and authority

Remain fully devoted to God's ability & sufficiency.

Let your courageous trust confront others with who God is. (28-30)

Other gods will vie for your worship and allegiance.

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