



STUDY NOTES – October 25, 2020

Sermon Series: “The Book of Daniel”

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Scripture: Daniel 1:3-9

Today's goal: To understand the process of taking a stand for truth

1. The pressure (Vs. 3-7)

- Life lesson: Learn to identify the nature of the pressure to conform.

A “math formula” for identifying ungodly pressure:

1. **Addition:** Does the view add to the Word of God?
2. **Subtraction:** Does the view subtract from the deity or sovereignty of Christ?
3. **Multiplication:** Does the view multiply the requirements for salvation?
4. **Division:** Does the view wrongly divide the Body of Christ?

2. The stand (V. 8)

- Life lesson: Taking a stand begins with understanding who you are and what you value most.

3. The intervention (V. 9)

- Life lesson: Regardless of the consequences of taking a stand, we can be confident that God will intervene.

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: Daniel 1:3-9
 - What truths stand out to you?
- 1. What conforming pressures are you experiencing right now?
 - How have you been able to identify them as unhealthy and ungodly pressures?
 - What are some good steps to take in order to overcome the conforming pressure?
- 2. What criteria should be used in order to decide if it's right to take a stand for truth?
 - What are some godly stands that Christians are taking right now?
 - What are some worthless stands that Christians are taking right now?
- 3. How does God intervene when we take our stand for truth?
 - Are we promise that if we take a stand for truth that we will live happily ever after?
 - What are some negative consequences that can occur if we think that God's intervention will always bring about a happy situation?
 - Have you ever personally taken a stand for truth and the results were painful? How did you respond? What advice would you give someone who is in the same situation in order for them to not be disappointed in God?

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