

Sunday Morning | August 13, 2017



WHEN COMPELLED TO FIT IN

DANIEL 1:5, 8 (NLT)

INSIGHT: Most life-determining decisions are made when we are young.

TRUTH: Before God blesses you, He will test you.

FIRST TEST: MAJOR LIFE CHANGE

SECOND TEST?

I. THE TEST OF SOCIAL PRESSURE

Three reasons Daniel determined not to defile himself with the king's food:

1. Health
2. Cultural
3. Spiritual

II. HOW TO PASS YOUR SOCIAL PRESSURE TEST

1. Protect your integrity.

TRUTH: Daniel never forgot whose he was (Romans 12:2).

TRUTH: Till you don't care what others think, you won't know His will.

2. Discipline your appetites.

TRUTH: The perks of the palace never pierced his soul.

TRUTH: Only Daniel and his three friends are known by name because they did not sell God out.

INSIGHT: Daniel in his heart said to the king: "God put me here, so I will serve you, but I won't be like you; I may be a slave to serve your needs, but my soul belongs to God, now and always."

3. Have courage to stand alone.

DEFINITION OF 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN MORALITY:

"If it's true for you then it's true, but what's true for me is true, too."

TRUTH: If it's new, it's not true (Exodus 23:2 LB).

REALITY: Your student will encounter the new morality on every state university campus and many Christian campuses.

QUESTION: Will your student be a Daniel in their Babylon?

INVITATION: Build your faith not just in worship but LIFE groups. Become a tither on "The Hill."