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Daniel 1

Devoted: The Power of a Devoted Life
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SUMMARY

God's influence and His actions in the world result in a people marked out for His purposes. These priorities can be seen and developed in the spiritual disciplines. In Daniel's time, these served as powerful reminders of utter dependence on God and no other authority; they can still serve as reminders today.

THIS WEEK:

- Evaluate my life where I am clinging to earthly possessions and ask God to renew my affections for Him.
- Take a stand for my beliefs in Christ when challenged by culture.
- Pray for the people in our church that we may remain a strong witness for Christ.
- Read Daniel all the way through at least one time.

DISCUSSION

READ DANIEL 1

- Read the first chapter of Daniel. What do you observe? What stands out?
- In verses 1–7, imagine being Daniel in this situation. What emotions or thoughts might you be experiencing?
- Read verse 8 in a few different translations. Some translations include the word “resolve.” What do other translations say? Based on what you see here, what might this word “resolve” mean for you?
- What are some of the things that get a person to the point of wanting to be resolved?
- How might resolutions lead to different living?
- Read verses 17–21. Talk about how knowledge and wisdom grow for a person?
- How might we see Daniel as an example vs. a hero?