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Daniel 3:1-7

Devoted: Building God's Image, Not My Own

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SUMMARY

Where the culture pushes us to look at our preferences, our opinions, and our level of comfort with this or that idea or trend, the Gospel pushes us to surrender to the One who is true and trustworthy. In this message, we look at what it means to stand for God's glory more than our own.

THIS WEEK:

- Evaluate where I may have feelings of superiority or inferiority and ask God for help in changing my perspective. (Romans 12:2)
- ☐ I will memorize Matthew 22:37–38.
- I will talk with someone about this sermon and find greater ways to apply it.

DISCUSSION READ DANIEL 3:1-7 What might have motivated Nebuchadnezzar to raise up this image? What does that tell us about the human heart? Read Isaiah 47:10. Imagine a person saying those words, and then compare that to God saying those words. What do you see as the implications of each? Talk about how being obsessed with our own superiority or our own inferiority are both related to self-absorption or pride? What have you found helps you think about yourself less and God more? What does it mean to exalt Jesus and not ourselves? How do we do that? Read Romans 12:2. In what ways does understanding this passage help us? Read Matthew 22:37–38, and talk about how this passage relates to pride, worship, and setting our hearts right related to both. What actions align our humility?