

Daniel 3: A People of Principle

Nathanael talked about how to remain principled in a culture that seems opposed to you. He took the example of Shadrach, Mesach and Abednego in [Daniel 3](#) and looked at how they responded to the King's commands.

Breaking it down into three points, he said that they:

1. Recognised their pressures

2. Resisted quietly

3. Relied on God.

It's tough living in a world where we both have to participate but also remain principled, to be set apart yet not fearful of culture. Discuss in your groups how you might stick to your principles using these three models.

Questions

- What's the silliest thing you believe with absolute conviction, e.g. the Star Wars prequels are good; snooker is the most exciting sport?
- What are the daily challenges to remaining faithful that you face in your area of work?
- Do you agree with Nathanael's point that our resistance looks more like a quiet life of living differently, rather than anything more confrontational?
- In what ways can you make a stand for your principles this week?
- Rely on God is a great sentiment, but how do we put it into practice?
- Why do we struggle to believe that God will deliver us?
- What do we need prayer for at the moment, where we need the intervention of God?