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What We Have to Keep Central:

- a. Christians have always lived in oppositional cultures
- b. Our enemy is Satan, not people
- c. God calls us to rescue people, not the culture
- d. Disagree with opinions, not people

Be resolute to honor God no matter what you face

1. There is a time to stand in order to honor God

Daniel 3:1-15

Leviticus 26:1

Trinity Church "Ends:"

D. "We will demonstrate God's love through the inclusion of and ministry to the marginalized."

2. Look for Jesus to show up when you are resolute in following Him

Daniel 3:16-27

Let this be our posture moving forward as we strive to live right-side-up in an upside-down world – "courteous but determined."

3. God is on display like no other time when you trust Him in crisis

Daniel 3:28-30

Now What?

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Week of January 21

Resolute

The focus of this week is on how to respond when we're faced with a decision to comply vs. honor God. If you would like to hear the messages, go to www.trinityonline.org.



Share It

When have you faced a decision that was unpopular with others or challenged your obedience?



Learn from the Bible

Read Daniel chapter three and consider these questions:

What event was planned by Nebuchadnezzar? Who was invited?

What was expected?

What challenges had the Jewish exiles faced previously?

And now?

Who reported on the Jews? (3:8) How had the Jews treated them in the past? (2:18)

How did the king respond to their disobedience? What were the results of his behavior?

How did the three Jewish leaders respond? (3:16-18) (List their actions and character)

How did God deliver them? Why this way? What were the results?



Discuss Together

What do you like about the faith and character of these three?

What kinds of pressures or “idols” do we face? What can we learn from this story about how to respond?

What is the cost of obedience in our culture?

What do we learn about God? How is He the hero?



Pray

- Who are the people in your world of influence? How can we pray?
- Where do you need wisdom, tact, and courage?
- Pray for our students facing a difficult world.



Apply It This Week

Pray for wisdom and invite someone in your world to spend time together.