



THEME

Conviction that points to Jesus

ANCHORED TO TRUTH

1 Samuel 17, Hebrews 11, Daniel 3, James 2:14-26, Proverbs 29:25

CONVERSATION

1. Where does “fear of others thinking less of me” rank on your fear list? Or: how important is it to you that others, even strangers, respect + like you?
2. How much pressure is there for people in your demographic to “fit in” with current popular culture?
 - a. Does that push to fit in ever come in conflict with your convictions (strongly held beliefs)?
 - b. Any examples?
3. Can anyone tell the story of Shadrach, Meshach + Abendego? If so, tell it, then zoom in on Daniel 3:13-18. If not, no sweat - just read Daniel 3.

13 Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, 14 and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? 15 Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. 18 **But even if he does not**, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

4. How tough is it to not only stick with our convictions over culture, but speak truth to those in power over us?
5. How common is it in today’s world to have a conviction we’re willing to risk our lives for?
6. What was the personal + cultural benefit of Shadrach, Meshach + Abendego sticking with their conviction?
 - a. If it’s the exact same story but they decide to bow to the idol at the last minute to avoid the flames - what changes?
 - b. How can the right convictions + right battles reveal Jesus to those around us?
 - c. Any battles we should currently be fighting that would point to Jesus?
 - d. How do we “fight” those battles - what does that kind of “fighting” look like?

RESPOND

- Is there a conviction you wish was stronger in you?
- How can we take the first steps toward these kinds of right convictions?
- Pray for each other

*Remember: *seeing the Right Value leads to > having the Right Trust > holding the Right Convictions > running to the Right Fights.*