

# UNDEFILED COURAGE

DANIEL 1:5-21

- In a culture of compromise, God gives us the ability to live an UNDEFILED life.

If you want to live an undefiled life it means...

- Resolving to be faithful AHEAD of TIME.
- Exercising WISDOM.
- Being faithful in the LITTLE things.
- Choosing holiness over FEELINGS.
- Taking RISKS.
- Trusting in God's FAITHFULNESS.

- In a culture of compromise, God gives us the ability to THRIVE.
- In a culture of compromise, God gives us the ability to OUTLAST the culture of compromise.

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Daniel 1:8. What are some of the different compromises that our culture pushes us towards that defile us?
2. Looking over the 6 points in the box, which would you say is most important for your life right now? Why?
3. In your own life, have you ever experienced the difference it is to resolve to be faithful ahead of time versus trying to decide in the moment what you will do?
4. Thinking about Daniel's faithfulness in little things, what are some little things in your life where you're tempted to compromise?
5. Thinking about our speech, what does each of the following verses tell us about honoring God with our words? James 1:26, Colossians 3:8, Ephesians 5:4, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 4:6.
6. What experience do you have with the spiritual discipline of fasting? How could this be a helpful practice in your life?
7. At times, God responds to our faith by delivering us from difficult circumstances. Other times, He responds to faith by walking with us through difficult circumstances. Which have you experienced, and how have these experiences shaped your faith?
8. Read 1 John 2:15-17. How does the temporary nature of this world motivate you to live each day?



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