Daniel - Conviction in an Age of Compromise

“The Training of Champions”

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Daniel 1:1-5

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Introduction:

A. Although he was self-trained during his early years, like all champions, _______ _______ was trained by someone who saw his potential and worked to prepare him for competition.

B. God did the same thing with a young man from OT times named ___________.

C. The book of Daniel is a book of ________________.

D. The Bible is a book about ___________.

E. The message of Daniel is that God is _______________ and is in ____________ in spite of present conditions.

I. The Story

A. When Daniel was born about _____ BC, Josiah was king of the southern half of the divided kingdom.

B. The northern half had been conquered in _____ BC by the Assyrians.

C. Daniel was a member of the _________ family.

D. Daniel was about _____ years old when King Josiah was ________.

E. The nation of Babylon sprang into prominence overnight and Nebuchadnezzar attacked ____________ and laid siege to it.

F. After the city was captured, ___________ was among those who were taken ____________.

G. ___________ and his ______ friends were chosen to be trained and put in service of Babylon.

H. In the end, the king wanted them to look like ______ on the outside, but be ____________ on the inside.

I. As prisoners of ________, Daniel and his friends had some _________ to make while being indoctrinated.

J. When they tried to feed them the ________ food, Daniel decided not to ________ himself in that way.

K. God rewarded them with good _________ and them to ________ everything that was taught to them better than any of the other trainees

II. Application

A. Daniel and his friends faced two of the greatest tests that can be faced.

1. They had to ______ God when their _________ fell apart.

2. They had to keep from ____________ in the face of cultural pressure.

B. The cultural pressure created three kinds of crisis:

1. An ____________ crisis - what is the truth?

2. An ____________ crisis - who am I?

3. A ____________ crisis - how should I live?

C. From Daniel 1, we learn two spiritual principles:

1. ________ conviction can overcome ________ pressure to compromise.

2. God-honoring ______________ yield God-given ____________.