First, **principles only mean something when you stick to them.**

1. First there was the issue of eating **royal** food—1:8 and 11-12.

2. Then there was the challenge to worship a **statue**—3:11-12.

3. In spite of the consequence they stuck by their principles—3:17.

**Second, when the heat is on God is present**—3:24-25; Isa. 43:2.

**Third, fiery furnaces are the norm not the exception**—3:21, Job 14:1; Ecc. 2:23; John 16:33.

**Fourth, after fiery furnaces a Christian is better**—3:28; Psa. 66:10-12; 1 Peter 1:6-7.

**Fifth, God is more concerned with our character than our comfort**—3:18; 2 Cor. 4:17-18.