

## Spiritually Faithful, Respectfully Defiant, and Deeply Valued – Daniel

### Intro: Peter Calls Us To Live Like Daniel

- **1 Peter 2:11-13a**
- Like Daniel, Christians find themselves as exiles in strange land with the challenge of how to represent God in the workplace.

*Believers who live like Daniel in the marketplace will experience the Lord's blessings on their work and reflect God's light to their boss. Daniel gives us three stories to instruct us.*

### I. Resisting Cultural Assimilation – Daniel 1

- **Daniel 1:2, 8-9, 17**
- When we honor God by not compromising our faith, **he gives** us what we need to succeed for his glory.

Daniel's Psalm:

1. God has all the wisdom & might – **Daniel 2:20**
2. God has ultimate control – **Daniel 2:21a**
3. God **gives us** his wisdom & might – **Daniel 2:21b-23**

### II. Faithful Through The Fire – Daniel 3

- **Daniel 3:5-6, 12, 15, 17-18, 25, 28-29**
- Daniel's friends would rather take a stand and **trust** their lives to God than worship something false.

### III. Praying With The Lions – Daniel 6

#### 1. **Excellent Work Ethic** – Daniel 6:3-4, 16

#### 2. **Excellent Moral Character** – Daniel 6:3-4, 22

#### 3. **Excellent Spiritual Life** – Daniel 6:3, 10, 14, 18, 23

- Daniel was **deeply valued** and indispensable to King Darius because of his spiritual excellence!

### Close: Jesus Blesses Those Who Live Like Daniel

- **Matthew 5:10-11, 16**

### Devotion:

1. Which story stood out to you the most and what did you like about it?
2. Do you feel **valued** by your boss? Why is that?
3. Are you facing pressure to compromise your faith or God's values at work right now? What would it look like for you to be **respectfully defiant**?
4. What would **spiritual faithfulness** look like for you? How can you make prayer the key to your success?
5. Pray Matthew 5:16. Ask the Lord to bless you so that through your good work habits they come to value your faith!