

Daniel
"Conviction"

- I. Golden Statue-Daniel 3:1–7
 - a. God hates the pride in man

- II. The Accusation-Daniel 3:8–18
 - a. They were taught the word of God from a young age
 - b. They weren't influenced by the crowd
 - c. They were calm and respectful
 - d. Their faith wasn't contingent on the result they wanted, but on the God they trusted.

- III. The Fiery Furnace- Daniel 3:19–30
 - a. Fiery trials of life:
 - i. God is with us
 - ii. God is burning away that which is binding us

- IV. Application
 - a. Biblical Conviction
 - i. Commitment to Scripture's authority in our lives
 - ii. Construction of belief's based on Scripture
 - iii. Courage to act in faith on those convictions

Questions for Individual Bible Study and/or Group Discussion

1. In 15 years, Nebuchadnezzar went from glorifying God with his words, to making people worship and glorify him and an idol. What happens over time that sometimes people begin to forget about God? Have you ever had a season where you knew there was an almighty God but decided to move away from Him? Why?
2. God hates pride: Read Proverbs 8:13 and Proverbs 16:5: Why does God hate pride so much? Can you identify areas in your life where you battle pride? How can you become humbler in those areas?
3. In Daniel 3:8–18 we see that Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach) and Azariah (Abednego) know the Word of God, they weren't influenced by the crowd, were calm and respectful to the king, and didn't waiver on their biblical conviction. How did they do that? How can you be the same way?
4. We also see these three weren't afraid of the power of the flames and death. Read Hebrews 11:34: Does a certain fear have a grip on you? What is it? Why do you fear it?
5. Fear is one of the main things that can keep us from following Christ fully? What is one thing you can do to set aside that fear?
6. Having Biblical Convictions requires 3 aspects: A commitment to Scripture's authority in our lives, a constructed belief based upon Scripture and courage to act in faith on those convictions. What area(s) do you need to focus on to continue to grow in Biblical convictions? How will you begin to take steps this week in those areas?