

STRONGMEN AND Legacy Makers

Purposed to Stand Strong...But Never Alone ...*Daniel 3*

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life--is not from the Father but is from the world. ...1John 2:15-16 (ESV)

Words of Wisdom

- "True obedience is the refusal to compromise in any regard our relationship with God, regardless of the consequences." ~ Aiden Wilson Tozer
- "Unfortunately, preachers who distort God's Word are all too common today. Sometimes this springs from a sincere desire to soften hard hearts, but hearts aren't changed by compromise." ~ Alistair Begg

1. Setting the Scene...

Scripture: Daniel 3

2. Purposed and Settled vs. Taking it as it Goes...

◆ Taking it as it Goes... (Begg Quote)

- Romans 1:19-25
- Galatians 1:6-10
- 1John 2:15-16
- Hebrews 2:1-4

◆ Purposed and Settled... (Tozer Quote)

- Daniel 1:8
- John 6:68
- Romans 1:16-17

3. Knowing where you Stand...

◆ Never Alone...

- Daniel 3:25 / John 14:15-18 / Deuteronomy 31:6 / Matthew 28:20
- Ephesians 2:10
- Psalms 119:1-11

Group Discussion

1. Last week we talked about having a Godly Man's approach to living through opposition and discouragement, and having strength and peace in every situation...asking the question, **"How can we avoid conforming to influential and worldly perspectives and environments around us, and live according to our Lord's standards and way of living?"**, referencing 1John 2:15-16 and 1Peter 1:13-19.

How have you applied the things you learned and/or discussed last week, and what have been some of the noticeable results? ...Give Examples

2. Would you describe the Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach), and Azariah (Abednego) as "StrongMen" or a "Legacy Makers"? Explain...

- What is it about them that stands out to you?
- What can you learn from their lives?

3. What kind of ungodly and unbiblical perspectives, attitudes, and/or influences are we pressured, influenced, or commanded to submit to in our society today? ...Don't get stuck on political views or agendas, but rather specific things that we are currently dealing with in our lives today.

4. READ Matthew 5:16, Matthew 22:37-40, and Matthew 28:19-20 together... How can you practically live-out what our Lord Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:16, Matthew 22:37-40, and Matthew 28:19-20 while also not conforming to the world's standards that you listed in the above question?

If there's time...

5. What did you hear or learn from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)