



Sermon Outline
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Prophet & Loss

Daniel

Series objective: *To reveal that from Genesis to Revelation God's Big Story is that He wants to be with us, and He wants us to be with Him.*

Series goal: *To help us become more aware of living the "with God" life.*

*** Daniel stands as one of the few characters in the Bible whose life produced an entirely _____ record of his actions.**

1. Daniel maintained a vibrant _____ in God despite living and working in an ungodly culture surrounded by unbelievers.

2. Daniel served under _____ different kings.

3. Daniel was possibly in his _____ when he was thrown into the lions' den.

*** Early in life Daniel developed an unwavering commitment to _____ God with his life.**

Daniel 1:8a - But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine...

It's critical to decide _____ what you are going to do or not do.

Romans 12:2a - Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

A Christ follower must learn to live in the tension of being _____ the world but not being _____ the world.

1 John 5:3 - In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.

God's instructions for living should be viewed as _____ rather than _____.

Rather than viewing God's instructions as repressive restrictions Daniel recognized them as a benefit to his own life and a way to demonstrate his devotion to God.

Instead of _____ the culture we should be helping to _____ it.

Matthew 5:13a & 14a - "You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world."

Due to the spiritual climate in our country, there is an obvious decline of _____ Christianity.

*** Two gods you might be tempted to worship if you don't trust God:**

1. The _____ God.

The universe is the creation of mother nature and father time.

Romans 1:21-23 - For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

2. The _____ God.

No one can tell me what I can and cannot do with my body.

1 Corinthian 6:19-20 - Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

When you think of God's presence in your life, does it create _____ or _____?