



## 1. Introduction

- a. Daniel purposed in his heart to maintain Jewish dietary laws
- b. Courage disappears when enemy's mission greater than my own
- c. Daniel was late teenager or very young adult taken captive
- d. Four stages of courage

## 2. Relentless Plot

- a. Perpetual aggression
  - King Jehoiakim taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar
  - God gave kingdom of Judah into enemy's hands due to sin
  - Jeremiah was prophet warning the people & leaders
  - Satan's kingdom of darkness

### b. Personal attack

- 4 young men renamed
- given Chaldean names
- individual God's child is God's witness

## 3. Righteous Purpose

### a. Inner integrity

- Daniel made inner decision
- easy to check outer boxes
- but God sees inside person's mind

### b. Individual immunization

- Daniel said "no" to royal diet
- Do not eat or drink things offered to idols
- Royal diet included unclean foods

### 3 b (cont)

- Word of God gives instruction about good & evil

### 4. Risky Proposal

#### a. Courageous faith

- Daniel & his companions in good will & favor of authorities from God
- Daniel speaks person for group of 4

#### b. Contended fate

- Daniel proposes test for 10 days
- Do the right thing & leave results with God
- Eat diet of vegetables & water for 10 days, then check our health
- then chief of eunuchs judges

### 5. Rightful Preeminence

#### a. Reliable promise

- Daniel & his companions looked healthier than others
- God blesses Christian faithfulness

#### b. Rightful praise

- God positions Daniel to serve King
- God gives them knowledge & skill in literature & wisdom
- God also gave Daniel understanding in all visions & dreams
- King Nebuchadnezzar found the four above the others

### 6. Results

#### a. God gives Daniel secret to hidden & forgotten dreams

- Dan 2:25-28 Daniel declares the God in heaven who reveals secrets