



## Session 3

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### Big Idea:

Best parenting ideas.

### GROUP OPENER

Daniel as a young man was taken from his home country into a foreign country that did not worship the same God that he did. He was able to obtain a high position of influence and yet maintained his faith in God.

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read [Daniel 3:1-30](#) Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

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### As a Group

What were some of the big things that stressed you out as a ten to 18-year-old?

Was there something your family did when you were growing up that was unusual in your friend's circle?

Has it had any lasting impact on how you live now?

Daniel had practiced honoring the authority over him and yet being willing to resist deformation from the culture in which he was placed. Read his reply to something that violated his religious practice in Daniel 1:8.

There is power in deciding ahead of time or as Daniel put it resolving. Life comes at us fast and often there can be a lot of reasons to go with what the culture is doing but that takes us to the same place the culture is going. In this season we see that screens are leading us to depression, anxiety, and frustration at unprecedented levels and the young are impacted at higher rates.

What are some things you have done or are willing to do to decide ahead of time or resolve to set a new destination?

### ACTION STEPS

*I will statement...*

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will \_\_\_\_\_". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share your "I Will" statement with the group.

### On Your Own

At Northeast, we have a Rule of Life that we encourage every stakeholder here to practice.

-Rhythm: daily prayerful engagement with God's Word.

-Restriction: Limiting the quality and quantity of your screen intake.