

**Rockford Reformed Church**  
**Daniel 6 - “Courageously Different”**  
10/14/18 – Pastor Tim Meendering

**Questions for family/small group discussions:**

1. What do Rom. 12:1-2, Jer. 29:4-7, and Matt. 5:13 say about how we are to be “in the world and not of the world”? In what ways have you struggled to be obedient with praying and working toward making your community better?

2. What are some ways that you have struggled to NOT be OF the world? How have you tended to conform and not be courageously different—perhaps in the workplace, at school or with friends?

3. We saw that Christian courage is the willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the right thing regardless of the earthly cost (See Prov. 28:1). Do you tend to retreat from your neighbors and community and why? Would co-workers, friends, neighbors, or fellow students say that you are quite different or do you mostly blend in? Why might this be your tendency?

**Our story shows us three ways to be courageously different:**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

What can we learn from Daniel's response to the decree in 6:10-11? Is Daniel just going through the motions with reading through his “daily devotional”? How would you describe his posture and dependence on God? What changes could you make in your daily relating to God so that it becomes deep fellowship, dependence, and confidence in God?

What kind of heart and approach is irresistible for God's response and grace? (See Ps. 138:3 and 34:18, Is. 57:15, Lk. 18:11-14)

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ in God's sovereign \_\_\_\_\_.**

In Dan. 6:10-23, what are some of the evidences of Daniel's confidence in God's sovereign control? What does your self-dependence most often look like for you? How does God-dependence rather than self-dependence change the way that we respond to God's call to be in the world and not of the world?

**3. \_\_\_\_\_.**

Our story reveals how Daniel lived with integrity. How could things have gone differently if Daniel had compromised or acted dishonestly in his work? How do hidden sins or a “double life” handicap the work God has for us to positively impact our community and be truly different?

It is our dependence on Jesus and what he has done that empowers us for bold love and obedience. How did Jesus become the true Daniel who provides fellowship with God, confidence in God, and integrity?

Daniel means “God is my \_\_\_\_\_.” If you are confident in God being your judge and your rescuer and savior (6:27), how does that change your response to those who want to judge and accuse you? How does your fear or awe of God impact how you fear or respond to negative words of others?

What is one significant step you can take to be courageous toward making your community/workplace better or not conforming?

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