



Part 1: Resolve and Response

Begin

Daniel 1:8-15

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you." Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.

Reflect

- What is God revealing to you through this passage or this past week's teaching?
- What action is God calling you to out of this passage and/or teaching?
- How can we, as a group, help you with the action God is calling you to?

Review

Our response to uncertainty is determined by our resolve to what is certain. When faced with uncertainty, we can be certain that God is present, and He will provide. Realizing these truths allows gives us confidence that we are not alone, and that God is in control.

- How does Daniel challenge the cultural customs of Babylon?
- How can we challenge the customs of our culture?
- Where has God shown his presence and providence in your life?
- During uncertainty, how do you determine what you own in the situation?

PRAY

Take some time to pray for those you are gathered with. Along with prayer requests, pray for each other to have resolve during times of uncertainty and to experience God's presence in your life.