

My Story

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you were invited or asked to do something you knew was wrong? What happened?

Digging Deeper

2. The list of leaders in v.2 is repeated in v.3, as are the musical instruments of v.5 in v.7. Why is the story so repetitive? What is the author trying to tell us?
3. There was a great deal of pressure to conform, and a severe penalty for refusing the king's command. But, there are also costs for doing what God prohibits. Read 1 Cor. 10:6-14. What consequences did people face for disobeying God? What four things does Paul tell us in v.13 regarding temptation? How can this help us in our struggle against temptation?

4. The king used music while people fell down to the worship the idol. In what ways does music help build our allegiance to something or someone? What might be some guidelines for the music we use in church? What does Eph. 5:19 contribute?

Reflection

5. What is an idol and why does God command us to have no other idols or gods before Him (Ex. 20:3-6)? What sort of things do powerful people in our day set up and demand our allegiance or conformity to?
6. Is it ever okay to compromise to get along or fit in with others? When is it not okay?

SERMON NOTES

Pressure's On – Daniel 3:1-7

Taking the Next Step

Are you facing temptation to compromise in some area of your life? Believe the truth of 1 Cor. 10:13. Prayerfully ask God to help you see the way of escape He provides with every temptation He allows in your life.

Praises / Prayer Requests

