

Stay True

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OPENING QUESTION

Have you ever been in a situation when you felt out of place, but you stayed true to your identity?

We Can't Let Circumstances Change Who We Are

- Daniel was raised Jewish, but had been a captive in Babylon for many years.
 - He never let his heart grow roots in Babylonian culture, but put his faith in the one true God.
 - It's not just about the faith of Daniel, it's about the object of Daniel's faith.
1. **If you were taken from your home at age 15, do you think you would live your life based on your circumstances or on your faith in God?**
 2. **If you're being honest with yourself, how much do circumstances control your faith and joy?**
 3. **How much stronger is your faith than your circumstances? Can you share an example?**

We Can't Let Circumstances Change Where We Live

- Home is the place where we belong.
 - Daniel knew that his home is where God is
 - Daniel's faith endured because God was with him in Babylon.
 - If Daniel had given in to the circumstances of his captivity, he would've abandoned his faith in the living God long ago.
 - God's Kingdom cannot be defeated and will endure forever (v. 26).
1. **Where did Daniel get his identity? Where do you get yours?**
 2. **Are you making it a daily habit to say, "God, I want to be with you wherever I am because I know you are with me"? How can you commit your circumstances to Him this week?**

**THIS IS HOW
WE DO IT**

CLOSING QUESTIONS

Hear

What are some things that stood out to you in this week's sermon and Scriptures?

Obey

What are your current circumstances? Do they rule your life, or do you believe that all things work together for you according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)? What might be that purpose? Does Daniel provide an example for you to follow?

Pray

Choose one or two particular applications from this passage and prayerfully consider how you can trust that God has a plan for you even in difficult times. How can you pray for one another in these areas this week?