

The Outsiders

Sunday, July 31 - Pastor Jon Hauser

How do you stay on course when life throws you for a loop?

If you want to stay on course when life throws you for a loop, you must have some pre-determined convictions that you are resolved to follow even when following those convictions makes you an Outsider!

Daniel 1:3-8 - 3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. 4 "Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men," he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon." 5 The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service. 6 Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. 7 The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego.

8 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.

Daniel 1:18-19 - 19 At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. 20 The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service.

Daniel 4:34 - At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

Daniel 4:37 - Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

What conviction do you need to predetermine in your heart today?

Where is it, as God leads you, that you need to draw a line in the sand?

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday: Daniel 1:1-21

Tuesday: Daniel 3:1-30

Wednesday: Daniel 4:1-37

Thursday: Daniel 5:1-31

Friday: Daniel 6:1-28