



# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



## MESSAGE NOTES



## “Outstanding Resolve”

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What are the most important elements of what it means to be truly \_\_\_\_\_ and growing in spirituality?

What does God want the most from us?

Legit: (shortening of legitimate)

- To be in compliance with the \_\_\_\_\_.
- To come across as an \_\_\_\_\_ example of something.
- To start living \_\_\_\_\_ after having previously not.
- To be the \_\_\_\_\_ even when surrounded by "spin" or "persecution."

This raises the question...are you \_\_\_\_\_ in a crowd, or are you \_\_\_\_\_ in a crowd?

- We'll truly choose to live this kind of life only when we truly understand God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

## Learning from Daniel...

A \_\_\_\_\_ Environment (**Daniel 1:1-2**)

- There were \_\_\_\_\_ examples of faith. (**v.1a**)
- It was a \_\_\_\_\_ world. (**v.1b**)
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ was in effect. (**v.2**)

Where do you feel this in your life?

A \_\_\_\_\_ Culture (**Daniel 1:3-7**)

- A mass captivity disguised as a favored "\_\_\_\_\_." (**v.3**)
- A \_\_\_\_\_ disguised as a free education. (**v.4**)
- An indoctrination disguised as a \_\_\_\_\_. (**v.5**)
- An identity \_\_\_\_\_ disguised as a title. (**v.6-7**)
  - Possibility of emasculation. (**v.7**)

Where do you feel this in your life?

## Intermission...

- What is your \_\_\_\_\_?
- Are you \_\_\_\_\_ in a crowd...or are you \_\_\_\_\_ in a crowd?
- \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't erase tension... it only weakens our \_\_\_\_\_.

## An Outstanding Resolve (**Daniel 1:8**)

- To resolve is to \_\_\_\_\_ and not be \_\_\_\_\_...to consider the larger \_\_\_\_\_ over the loudest \_\_\_\_\_. (v.7a)
- You can avoid being \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. (v.7b)

## A Divine \_\_\_\_\_ (**Daniel 1:9**)

- "\_\_\_\_\_": God has an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of support to hand us if we'd only give Him a running start. (v.9)

## A Powerful \_\_\_\_\_ (**Daniel 1:10-21**)

- Daniel made up his mind before he knew how the story ended... because he handed the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

## So are you legit?:

- Have you said 'YES!' to Jesus Christ?
- In what ways do (and don't) your habits help you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that relationship (and God's best)?
- When you let God speak His best into you, saying "\_\_\_\_\_" to the world is a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Don't miss this...

The secret to being legit is \_\_\_\_\_.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital\* or hard copy).\***MYRC.LINK/CONNECT** or text **riverside** to **94000**



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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*Is your favorite summer hot & dry...  
or cool & wet, and why?*

1. Pastor Tony led off with some definitions of Legit; which definition resonates with you when you think of them in relation to your walk with Jesus?
2. Read **Daniel 1:1-3**. What were some of the things Daniel was dealing with in his new world that have similarities to yours? How can his example assist you in seeing these things as they really are vs. how someone else wants you to see them?
3. **Daniel 1:8** says, "...Daniel resolved not to defile himself...". Pastor Tony defined resolve as "to determine and not be determined". While our culture wants to determine for us how we should be "Christian", how have you resolved to follow Jesus?
4. How does God's support of Daniel make you feel as you read **Daniel 1:9**? How does it affect your resolve as you consider the fact that God is there to support you as He did Daniel?
5. Read **Daniel 1:10-21**. Daniel and his friends committed to God's plan, not knowing the outcome, and God came through! What are some areas that you need to hand the pen back to the Author and trust Him to write your story?

*Day One:* [John 21](#); [Psalm 89](#)

*Day Two:* [Exodus 39](#); [Proverbs 27](#)

*Day Three:* [Romans 11](#); [2 Samuel 9](#)

*Day Four:* [James 2](#); [Jeremiah 23](#)

*Day Five:* [Job 27](#); [Acts 5](#)

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from  
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*



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- To start living right after having previously not.
- To be the real deal even when surrounded by "spin" or "persecution."

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## Learning from Daniel...

### A Distracted Environment (**Daniel 1:1-2**)

- There were sketchy examples of faith. (**v.1a**)
- It was a hostile world. (**v.1b**)
- God's discipline was in effect. (**v.2**)

Where do you feel this in your life?

### A Beguiling Culture (**Daniel 1:3-7**)

- A mass captivity disguised as a favored "rescue." (**v.3**)
- A reeducation disguised as a free education. (**v.4**)
- An indoctrination disguised as a buffet. (**v.5**)
- An identity theft disguised as a title. (**v.6-7**)
  - Possibility of emasculation. (**v.7**)

Where do you feel this in your life?

## Intermission...

- What is your inter-mission?
- Are you out standing in a crowd...or are you outstanding in a crowd?
- Compromise doesn't erase tension...  
it only weakens our resolve.

## An Outstanding Resolve (Daniel 1:8)

- To resolve is to determine and not be determined...to consider the larger Truth over the loudest shouting. (v.7a)
- You can avoid being defiled with respect. (v.7b)

## A Divine Ally (Daniel 1:9)

- "Now God...": God has an infinite amount of support to hand us if we'd only give Him a running start. (v.9)

## A Powerful Redirection (Daniel 1:10-21)

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